

Memorandum:

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Jo Flick, Training & Development Specialist

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Re: Statewide Training Update

MSL Statewide Library Resources Learning Portal: The MSL Learning Portal launched on January 31st. All library training from here on will have a presence in the learning portal – resource materials from trainings, recordings, presentations – these will begin to populate the site. The MSL staff will continue to modify the portal to improve navigability. Feedback is most welcome; a link to a feedback survey can be found at the bottom of the home page of the learning portal: learning.montanastatelibrary.org

Summer Library Leadership Institute: ALA President, acting dean of Library & Information Science at Simmons College and library consultant, Maureen Sullivan will conduct the 2013 Summer Library Leadership Institute the week of July 22nd at Carroll College. Registration will open soon, with priority to library directors and branch managers who did not attend in 2012, as per the directive of the MSL Commission. This year, graduates of the 2012 program may serve as mentors to the new class. All attendees will be required to implement a project following the institute, and to continue meeting online at the Fall Workshop for an extended learning experience.

Online webinars evolve: The trainers at MSL are finding more and more opportunities to extend the rigor of online training by offering multi-session courses online. Last summer, a 3-part grants writing course was provided, in the fall, a 3-part Trustee training, the MT Department of administration provided a 2-part series on eGovernment services just recently, and later this Spring, a 4-part introduction to library administration will be provided. These sessions often include interim assignments; homework that encourages immediate application of new skills or knowledge, which improves transfer and retention.

In December, we launched monthly Webside Chats with State Librarian, Jennie Stapp. Jennie invited Judy Hart to join her in January for a detailed look at the upcoming legislative season. This feature will serve to keep librarians informed on statewide and national events and trends.

The MSL Vimeo Channel is seeing lots of traffic. In keeping with trends seen in other states, our recorded webinars get many more views of the archived recording as those that attend live, over time. That's extending the reach and impact of our training considerably. In the past month, there were 249 videos played from the Vimeo site. There are now more than 60 videos available for anytime/anywhere training. Training staff will keep videos available for view for as long as the content is viable – a few months for Webside Chats, up to two or more years for content of enduring value. Most videos will be posted for 12 months. For users that open a Vimeo account and “follow” the MSL Vimeo channel, updates are provided when new content is added. Vimeo plays back on any device and is not laden with ads. vimeo.com/channels/403784