

History of the Montana statewide OCLC Cost Share Formula

1. The goal was a single, flat fee price for a group of OCLC services to include, at the time: cataloging, ILL, reference inquiries to WorldCat via FirstSearch, and adding new libraries for (again, at the time): CatExpress, LaserCat and ILL.
2. The “online” libraries got a 10% discount from the 1999 prices they had paid as individual libraries using OCLC/WLN services.
3. The 1999 prices those libraries had paid was based on transactions (original cataloging records created (credits), records downloaded and ILL transactions)
4. The two large academics were given an additional subsidy by MSL, using resource sharing funding at the time, to bring them into the formula and make the formula work.
5. The remaining amount of the overall GS fee was collected from the libraries not “online” (LaserCat libraries and libraries not in WLN or OCLC at the time) and then MSL covered any gap.