

STATEWIDE LIBRARY RESOURCES (SLR/LD)
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE DECEMBER 11, 2013
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING
Activity Period: September 19-November 20, 2013

Goal One – Content – *Montana State Library (MSL) acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- Assisted 3 new libraries joining MontanaLibrary2Go: Wedsworth Memorial Library, University of Montana Mansfield Library, and Ft. Peck Tribal Library
- Led discussion with 20 library staff on e-content pilot purpose and priorities at ASLD/PLD retreat
- A new logo for the MSC was created by an independent graphic designer after several meetings with MSC staff and member library representatives.
- Continued to add content to SLRD consulting website in advance of change to the State administered content management system, DNN.
- There are now over 501,000 items in the MMP and this number is continually growing. We have 57 published collections from 30 contributing institutions.
- The FY12 LSTA MMP grant recipients have been hard at work completing their projects. The project funds have all been disbursed. These were the recipients and their projects:
 - Beaverhead County Museum in Dillon - \$1,000 for the Armstead, Montana photograph collection
 - Butte Silver Bow Public Archives- \$1,500 for the Charles Hauswirth papers and photographs
 - Carroll College Library in Helena - \$1,250 for college yearbooks
 - Phillips County Library/Phillips County Museum in Malta - \$1,000 for early local newspapers
 - Rocky Mountain College Library in Billings - \$1,250 for college yearbooks
 - Sidney-Richland County Library - \$1,500 for locally published histories, newspapers, and high school yearbooks
- The 2014 MMP digitization grants, with funding from FY13 LSTA monies, will be announced soon. The grant award amounts will be based on the size and scope of the project described in the application process. For consistency, a limited solicitation will seek a vendor to do the scanning for these projects and the grants will pay for the vendor expenses. The timeline for these grants are as follows:
 - Announcement in November

- Deadline January 15
- Review by February 1
- Selection by February 10
- Announcement by February 15

Goal Two – Access – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

- Missoula Public Library – Potomac Branch, Fort Peck Tribal Library, Judith Basin County Free Library and Hobson Community Library went live in the MSC.
- MSC Web Services module upgraded to version 4.0 which will allow the use of several “cloud” based products when they become available.
- “Social Library” Facebook app installed for three more MSC libraries.
- MSC completed first test of Shoutbomb SMS text messaging service with volunteer patrons in Missoula and Belgrade. The service should be ready for general release soon.
- Organized and updated ACA resources on Learning Portal, announcement to wired, presented website chat on topic
- Ordered OCR license re-set for MMP projects
- The Montana Memory Project is working towards becoming a partner of the [Mountain West Digital Library](#) (MWDL), which is a central search portal for digital collections about the Mountain West region. The MWDL is a hub for the [Digital Public Library of America](#). As a hub, their collections are harvested for display in this national search portal. There is no charge for being members of these organizations.
- The MMP Cataloging Committee has rewritten the metadata guidelines for use with all future collections. The new guidelines will help improve consistency of information provided by contributing institutions and improve searching efforts by the end user. The former MMP guide has been broken into 18 sections that reflect the process of adding content to the MMP. These sections are posted on the Statewide Library Resources webpage. Each section has been revised and updated.

Goal Three – Training – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, its partners and Montanans with appropriate trainings and training resources so that they can make the best use of the resources offered.*

- Led multiple brief introductory sessions on Discover It, EBSCO and HomeworkMT statewide databases to 100 library staff at the Fall Workshop's Online Resources Expo

- Organized and facilitated maker-space session “Libraries as Innovation Incubators” for Fall Workshop
- Led an online training session for library staff on retrieving MontanaLibrary2Go statistics and support materials
- MSC training on various topics provided during Fall Workshop
- MSC new library training conducted at Stanford and Fort Peck
- Monthly Webside Chat with MT State Librarian in October provided an update on efforts by the MSL to keep librarians informed on the Affordable Care Act rollout and likely impacts on library services. In November, the Chat covered the newly formed library district task force and a review of recent and pending national initiatives of interest, including the Library Edge initiative.
- DiscoverIt!, statewide databases and HomeworkMT training during this period included onsite trainings in Lewistown and Kalispell, and a 90 minute 2-way video training for schools with VisionNet.
- Applications for certification from the Montana State Library are brisk. Librarians may now obtain their certification by attending recorded or live online sessions without having to travel, which puts certification within easy reach of every Montana librarian and eliminates travel hurdles. There are now over 80 recorded training sessions on the MSL Vimeo channel covering all four continuing education categories and addressing a wide variety of interests and training needs. Video plays from the channel average 200 per month. The MSL training staff are reviewing and updating recorded webinars to keep the resources fresh and relevant.
- The Fall Workshops hit a milestone with over 200 in attendance this year. Responses to changes implemented in the schedule were positive, as was the positioning of the event next to the MSC Fall Membership meeting, the decision to provide most registration materials electronically (in advance), the expansion of the number of sessions, and the selection of topics by the planning committee. Attendees enjoyed the Online Resources Expo, with many attendees marking that event as one of their favorites. The ORE took on a speed-dating format, so those that attended saw 11 different electronic resources in 55 minutes, including maps, natural history, professional development resources, government documents, historic photos and online braille books.
- Assisted with New Director and Board of Trustees training
- Continued Future of Libraries training at Fall Workshop
- Provided Orientation to E-rate webinar for Montana librarians
- Presented intellectual freedom training at MLA fall retreat
- One-on-one training occurs, as needed, on how to use the CONTENTdm project client with those libraries contributing new materials.

Goal Four – Consultation and Leadership – *MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.*

- Held online election for two open seats on MontanaLibrary2Go Executive Committee
- Provided assistance to many library staff in compiling circulation statistics for electronic materials
- MSC Fall Membership meeting held in Helena where discussions led to the decision to reorganize usage of MSC system policies in an effort to reduce future operational costs and improve efficiency. The membership also voted to add another FTE for MSC support. This vote will be part of the MSC FY2015 budget recommendation to the full membership at their Spring, 2014 meeting. The MSC Executive Board and MSC Staff have begun planning the steps and work involved to complete the reorganization within the next 18 months.
- Attended MSC Executive Board meetings and Partners meetings
- Made introductory visits to libraries to discuss current situations and needs
- Continued to monitor developments in digital literacy initiatives, such as the Library EDGE and provided updates on these developments to MSL staff and Montana librarians.
- Ordered titles for MSL Professional Development Collection and shared promotional announcements to Wired-MT
- Contacted tribal college libraries about ACA
- Coordinated planning for an MLA conference session on library districts
- Provided board orientation and training sessions

Goal Five – Collaboration – *MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.*

- Facilitated Pathfinder Federation meeting change and teleconference meeting setup, attended meeting
- Held the first meeting of the Montana Memory Project Advisory Council, focusing on the goals of the MMP and its operation. The council will make recommendations on outreach, promotion, and growth of the MMP and will update this project's strategic plan.
- Held meetings of the OCLC Cost Share Task Force to continue to study and analyze possible improvements to the existing statewide cost share formula

- Visits will be made, in the next, year to communities to promote the use of the MMP website and to encourage the contribution of materials. The library will be contacted and asked to consider inviting other key community members to meet with the MMP Director. These may include local museums, genealogy societies, historical societies, city and county council members, chamber members, church leaders, and school administrators. This will provide a great opportunity to build some key community partnerships with the library as the central figure. While in a community every effort will be made to visit with schools to demonstrate the MMP website and how it could be incorporated into classroom activities.

Goal Six – Sustainable Success – *MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.*

- MSC Director and Trainer attend COSUGI Special Interest Group for Consortia conference in Cleveland, OH
- Participated in Fall Workshops evaluation
- Library Development staff participated in and led trainings in areas of library consulting as part of the overall changes to MSL library consulting
- Submitted proposals for MLA conference sessions
- Attended E-rate Training in Portland, OR
- Attended online webinars on the Affordable Care Act and libraries

Maps and Detail Reports of Statewide Library Resources activity for this report time period can be viewed at http://msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Activity_Tracking/

SLR activity is organized by six general categories:

- Continuing Education
- Federations
- Library Development
- Statewide Databases and Online Resources
- Statewide Downloadable E-Content
- Statewide Resource Sharing