

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Date: December 9, 2013

Re: Draft Recommendations from the Library District Task Force

The following recommendations are made by the Library District Task Force which was charged with assisting the State Library to evaluate the current effectiveness of the Montana statutes that govern the creation and administration of public library districts.

Two task force recommendations may result in legislative changes to be requested during the 2015 Legislative Session. Suggested language to implement the recommendations has been prepared for review by Attorney Jim Scheier. A third recommendation is a housekeeping recommendation to make the levy increase language more uniform.

Timeline:

- December 11: Commission to review draft recommendations and suggested statutory language;
- December through February, 2014: Share recommendations with Montana library community for feedback and input;
- February, 2014: Commission to review and approve final recommendations;
- Spring, 2014: If statutory changes are recommended and are supported by the Montana State Library Commission, the Montana Library Association and the broader library community, recommendations will be shared with the Governor's Office during the Executive Planning Process.