

Golden Plains Library Federation
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Glasgow, MT, October 3, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:	Susan Becker Sarah Brekke Clyta Dillion Amy Fast Sharon Emond	Daniels County Library Sheridan County Library Roosevelt County Library Glasgow City-County Library Philips County Library
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PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS:	Arlene Kegley Jonna Underwood Janet Livingston Megan Haddix	Daniels County Library Sheridan County Library Roosevelt County Library Glasgow City-County Library
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COLLEGE & SCHOOL
LIBRARY:

GUESTS:	Tracy Cook Jennie Stepp Savana Sill Tammy Hall Sarah Peterson (online)	Lead Statewide Consulting Librarian State Librarian Montana Library Network Coordinator State Library Commission Montana Library Association Representative
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The meeting was called to order by Amy Fast.

MINUTES:

There were no changes to April 25, 2024, minutes. Susan moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Clyta and motion carried.

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

Sarah introduced herself and talked about her role as treasurer at MLA. She is also the Miles City Public Library Director. She gave an overview of what MLA offers, membership, and what dues help with. Trustees' membership to MLA is \$40 dollars, and \$60 dollars for library staff membership. The upcoming MLA conference will be held in Bozeman March 25th -29th. MLA is building a library advocacy website and to watch for this to be announced. Trustee and director interest groups were mentioned. The purpose of the trustee interest groups is to allow connection with other trustees and other libraries. MLA hosts continued education for trustees and board development. They are recruiting a chair to lead the trustee interest group. The chair will work with Kirk at MLA and submit board reports quarterly. The group needs to meet at least two times via zoom, schedule a group meeting at the annual conference, review the group's agenda and work with others to advertise MLA. Lastly, MLA would like libraries to share stories on how they are

benefiting from participating in shared resources like OCLC, MT Librar2Go, MSC, etc. Please send questions to Tracy, Jenny or Jonna.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

The Library Development Road Map was discussed. The group gave feedback to Tracy and Jennie for further review:

- It was suggested that a purpose statement is included with the road map.
- Explanation on how to use the pages.
- Clarify if standards are elective or optional or voluntary, some felt the wording "path" might be confusing and suggested using the words "option, 1,2,3..." on the pages.
- Keeping platforms, just include more direction.

We are asked to send Cara Orban more edits and changes.

There was a young adult collection discussion on teen/tweens perspective when accessing materials. It is a harder crowd to serve, the lowest demographic showing interest. The question came up on what kids want and how do we bring back the joy of reading? Teens/tweens want to pick their materials, they don't want to be forced, and screentime vs. reading is a conflict. How do libraries help parents with kids that don't want to read? It is becoming more of a problem with young adults not reading and/or can't read. Schools are calling it "learned helplessness." It affects everyone, mostly underserved populations. Several ideas were shared such as programs in new spaces, life skills like cooking, sewing, bank account management, etc., talking to the kids on what they want 1-1, and possibly increasing budget for YA/Juv books on MontanaLibrary2GO.

BUSINESS:

FY24 Review: Directors can pre-spend federal monies for resource sharing.

Leftover Training Funds: There is \$1500 leftover from training funds, discussion was held on what to do with it. Funds need to be used by June 2025. Tracy and Jonna will get together to gather ideas for ways to use the leftover funds.

IT Support Pilot: Savanna Sill talked about developing a helpline for IT support to troubleshoot equipment and help to patrons on devices. We were asked to reach out if we think of anything to add.

Individual Library Updates:

Glasgow City-County: The library received \$16,200 of funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) appropriated from the American Rescue Plan by the U.S. Treasury. These funds will be used to install security cameras and electrical and network upgrades. This includes the server, storage, security system and new switch.

Philips County Library: The library has a new look, everything has been cleaned and moved around. The books are all being barcoded and into the system. They are still looking to hire a new library director.

Roosevelt County: They had 159 people for Native American History month. They held Native American story time and tours of the library. The balloon smash art program was a hit! Froid library staff is hired and almost trained. Library staff are weeding and cataloging, which is basically finished. Working on freeing up space and moving special collections.

Daniels County: Old files have been scanned, and the office is cleaned up. They received a \$3000 dollar grant for kids' books.

Sheridan County: Weeding is finished in mystery/thriller/suspense genre. Jonna took out shelves back to create a reading spot for patrons.

Next Golden Plains Federation meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025, in Wolf Point. Glasgow will chair the meeting and bring treats/donuts.

Clyta moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Megan Haddix