

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date: September 22, 2000

1999 and 2000 LSTA Projects

→FY 99 Grant Award Carried Over to 2000 = \$366,580←

→FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975←

<u>Library Improvement Project for Lake County</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 00 = \$50,000]</i>
<u>Montana Library Network</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$160,861]*</i> <i>[FY 00 = \$324,091]</i>
<u>Montana Library Services Advisory Council</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$4,500]*</i>
<u>Montana State Library Operations</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 00 = \$350,884]*</i>
<u>Networking Task Force</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$8,500]*</i>
<u>Statewide Technology Librarians</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$97,500]*</i>

[*see Kris Schmitz's report for total expenditures to date for these projects]

Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County: The petition effort in Madison County was successful and the issues of forming and funding a countywide library district will be on the November ballot. The LIP Committee has been working hard to expend/encumber all grant funds by the September 30, 2000 deadline. Final expenditures include \$1,470 for publicity describing the benefits to county residents of LIP; \$2,100 to each library for materials and technology resources; \$5,380 for dedicated Internet access for all four libraries; and extended library hours for the month of September for Harrison, Ennis, Sheridan, and Twin Bridges. A final LIP Committee meeting is scheduled for October 4th in Sheridan.

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$40,000; (\$38,269 carried over to 2000); total expenditure to date = \$29,697.16; balance of \$10,302.84 encumbered]

2000 Fall Workshop: Eighty-two people from across the state have registered for this year's Fall Workshop. This includes 61 public librarians (3 from combined school/public libraries), 11 school librarians, 4 academic librarians, 4 special librarians, and 2 "other" (1 city manager and 1 Montana Library Services Advisory Council member). Training topics offered at the workshop are: Accounting Skills for Library Budgets; Advanced

Reference Service – Business Resources and Montana on the Web; Evaluating Web Resources; Libraries Build Sustainable Communities; Personnel Issues in Libraries; Talking Book Library Services; Technology Aspirins: How to Eliminate Headaches by Keeping Your Windows Clean and Protecting Your Data; To Weed or Not to Weed; and Using the InfoTrac Database.

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$6,950; expended to date = \$390.77]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project: Signed agreements are in place for the four MLN Montanaiana projects. MSU-Bozeman has hired a student assistant to begin work on the F.J. Haynes photographs. Yellowstone Art Museum staff has ordered equipment necessary to start the digitization of Will James artwork. The projects at U of M and MSU-Billings are just getting underway.

[FY 00 LSTA (budgeted) = \$18,220.66]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line: This MLN project is underway. The five participating libraries (Big Sandy, Chester, Choteau, Harlem, and Havre) have signed letters of intent to participate in the creation of a Hi-Line shared catalog. Area school libraries were also asked to participate in the project, but none were able to join at this time. The agreement for the project has been signed with Havre-Hill County Library, which will coordinate and oversee the project and the catalog. A budget has been prepared and equipment is now being ordered. John Finn will serve as MSL's primary contact for the project.

[FY 99 & 00 LSTA (budgeted) = \$68,946]