

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date: July 9, 2001

Grant Awards:

FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975
FY 01 Grant Award = \$753,176

Projects:

Montana Library Network	FY 00 = \$142,949 & FY 01 = \$96,792
Montana State Library Operations	FY 00 = \$350,884 & FY 01 = \$350,884
Networking Task Force	FY 01 = \$8,500
Statewide Technology Librarians	FY 00 = \$97,500

Listed below are other FY 00 and FY 01 LSTA projects and their current status:

Library Improvement Project for Lake County: Bob Cooper will meet with the Lake County Interim Library Board on July 11th to assess the progress of the project. Expenditures accrued, but not yet expended, include a staff computer for the Jocko Valley Public Library (\$2,000), NoveList subscription for seven libraries (\$4,000), printing of library flyers (\$462), and a Winnebago web component and licensing for Ronan City Library (\$1,990). The Board has also advertised and is accepting applications for the position of librarian at Arlee. Negotiations to contract for bookmobile services from Sanders County have not been successful.

[FY 00 = \$50,000; FY 01 = \$50,000; total expended to date = \$4,765.34]

LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation: Himmel & Wilson have completed summaries of the information gathered from the six general focus groups, the two TBL focus groups, and the survey. This data and its interpretation will be included in the final evaluation report.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$35,000; total expended to date = \$16,828.17]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2000:

MSU-Billings: Work continues on the project's web page, which is being built by a student assistant. Currently, the "now" photographs of selected sites are being taken to be included on the web site with the historic photographs of the same locations.

MSU-Bozemen: This project is completed.

University of Montana: The complete volume of Progressive Men, including name, occupational and geographical indexes, has been digitized and is

available on CD. Bruce continues to work with the project administrator on mounting the materials on the MLN Gateway.

Yellowstone Art Museum: A former museum employee has been contracted to prepare electronic images of the artwork.

[FY 00 LSTA = \$18,220.66; total expended to date = \$5,878.11]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2001: The Commission approved two projects for funding: "Central Montana Historical Digitized Photo Collection on the Web," Lewistown Public Library (\$5,000) and "Montana Authors, A Bio-Bibliography," Mansfield Library, University of Montana (\$5,000). Agreements are being transacted and then the projects can officially begin.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$20,000]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line: This project is very near completion with the final operational details being worked out among the participating libraries. The catalog is up and running.

[FY 99 = \$33,525 & FY 00 LSTA = \$35,421; total expended to date = \$61,088.88]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for Western Montana: This project is still in the planning stage. No agreement has yet been transacted.

[FY 00 = \$30,000 & FY 01 = \$160,000]

Summer Institute 2001: Thirty-five librarians attended the Institute, which was held on the Montana Tech campus in Butte. In addition to attending classes all day (and some evenings) during the week, the group also toured Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, Butte-Silver Bow Archives, and the Montana Tech Library. The group enjoyed the Tech campus and was treated to a Butte summer snowstorm. Evaluations received from Institute participants were very positive.

[FY 01 = \$25,000; total expended to date \$14,807.35]

2001 Fall Workshop: Preparation for the 3rd annual MSL Fall Workshop continues. It was not possible to schedule the OCLC training in conjunction with the Fall Workshop as planned, so librarians will now have two separate fall training opportunities. Coordination with two MLA groups, the School/Library Media Division and the Technical Services Interest Group, to select topics and presenters continues. The MSU-Billings library has invited the Fall Workshop participants to attend an informal reception on Thursday evening before the workshop begins on Friday.

[FY 01 = \$7,000]

Children's Services Program Coordinator: The Commission approved contracting with Cindy Christin to provide coordination of children's services at the state level, including the Summer Reading Program. Negotiations with Cindy have begun and a project agreement will be transacted as soon as she has received a federal tax identification number.

[FY 01 = \$2,500]