

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date:

Grant Awards:

FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975

FY 01 Grant Award = \$753,176

Projects:

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

Library Improvement Project for Lake County: The LIP Interim Board is working very hard to spend/encumber the balance of the FY 00 grant award by the September 30th deadline. Several contracts for services are now being finalized including ones for the creation of a LIP web page, teaching of computer classes at three libraries in the county, and inputting and analyzing data received in the countywide survey LIP conducted earlier. In addition, the county is preparing a lease for a bookmobile (converted van) that will provide a new collection of print materials and a laptop computer for county residents during the next year. Other projects that will be funded with remaining FY 00 money include extended hours at Polson City Library, part-time staff for the library in Arlee, and travel expenses for two librarians to attend rural libraries and bookmobile conferences. The LIP Board is confident that even though some of the projects were delayed, all grant money will be encumbered by the deadline. Bob continues to work closely with the Board.

[Awarded FY 00 = \$50,000 & FY 01 = \$50,000; Expended to date = \$10,045.20]

LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation: The final evaluation report prepared by Himmel & Wilson Library Consultants was accepted by the Commission at its August meeting. The evaluation is now available on the MSL web page and is being used as a tool to help prepare MSL's next long-range plan. The evaluation project is completed with payments being made from both the FY 00 and FY 01 grant awards.

[Awarded FY 00 = \$14,717.50 & FY 01 = \$16,828.17; Total expended = \$ 31,545.67]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Projects for 2000:

MSU-Billings: The final development of the Dudley White photographs web page is nearly completed. The remaining grant funds will be used for a student assistant who is preparing the page.

MSU-Bozeman: This project of F.J. Haynes Photographs is completed. A balance of \$1,427.80 from this grant award was not used for the project.

University of Montana: Bruce and Mike are working with UofM technical staff to mount the Progressive Men materials on the MLN Gateway.

Yellowstone Art Museum: A portion of the Will James images and metadata has been sent to MSL, and Mike has been working on creating files for the materials. The Museum has contracted with Magi Malone to complete the project.

[Awarded FY 00 = \$18,220.66; Expended to date = \$10,875.67]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Projects for 2001: An agreement is now in place with Lewistown Public Library for its "Central Montana Historical Digitized Photo Collection on the Web," project and some equipment has been purchased. The agreement for the "Montana Authors, A Bio-Bibliography" project is currently waiting to be signed by the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana and then the project can begin.
[Awarded FY 01 = \$20,000; Expended to date = \$462.50]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line: This project is now completed and the balance of the grant award has been expended. The final grant amount was used for extra staff at the Big Sandy Branch Library to complete preparation of the library's records for the catalog. The shared catalog is functioning well for all five participating libraries.
[Awarded FY 99 = \$33,525 & FY 00 = \$35,421; Total expended = \$68,946]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for Gallatin County: An agreement has been signed with Bozeman Public Library to coordinate this project, which will bring four libraries together in a shared county catalog. The project is now ready to begin.
[Awarded FY 01 = \$22,000]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for Western Montana: The agreement for coordinating this project has been signed. The RFP process is nearly completed and a vendor will be selected. Because a contract between Missoula Public Library and the selected vendor could not be transacted by LSTA's September 30th deadline, the FY 00 grant money originally assigned to this project has been transferred to other projects. The Western Montana Shared Catalog Project, which will include 15 libraries, will be funded with FY 01 funds.
[Awarded FY 01 LSTA = \$180,000]

Summer Institute 2001: This project was completed in June.
[Awarded FY 01 = \$25,000; Total expended \$14,714.99]

2001 Fall Workshop: Registration for the workshop was 101 librarians, with some coming for both days and others for just a single session. Actual attendance at the event was 96 with 51 public librarians, 24 school librarians, 3 joint public/school librarians, 9 academic librarians (3 from tribal colleges), 8 special librarians, and 1 public library trustee attending. The biggest demand was for the book mending classes, which were full with a long waiting list. Evaluations from the Fall Workshop were very positive. Originally assigned FY 01 funds, the Fall Workshop will be paid from a balance in the FY 00 grant award.
[Awarded FY 00 LSTA= \$7,000; Expended to date = \$497.50]

Children's Services Program Coordinator: An agreement with Cindy Christin has been transacted. Cindy, in conjunction with Dr. Joyce Herbeck, did two presentations at the Fall Workshop entitled Supporting Young Readers as part of her coordinator work.
[Awarded FY 01 = \$2,500; Expended to date = \$565.60]