

To: Montana State Library Commission
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Re: Planning retreat
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The attached document summarizes the important information that we received from our statewide meetings regarding MSL planning. We present the meeting participants with a series of issues, invited them to add others, and then asked them to prioritize the issues. After the group selected its priorities, when time allowed, we asked them to identify ways (strategies) in which MSL might address these issues. The most important issues for the federations were training, public library funding, and marketing. The OMNI group, the faculty at the Mansfield Library and the state agency librarian's examined MLN issues.

These notes represent planning activities only for Library Development Department and the Montana Library Network. I know that you are as interested in the other departments of the library and would also like your suggestions for these departments.

To prepare for our planning meeting, I would like you to review this document. At this meeting, I will ask you to add to the list of issues, to prioritize issues, and to suggest strategies, in particular for the Commission, to address these issues.