

State Librarian's Report

November 24, 2003 to February 5, 2004

Agency Goals

Met with Chuck Swysgood and staff to discuss the 2006 and 2007 budget request.

Initiated annual performance reviews for those employees that I supervise directly.

Met with MLA's presidents and governmental affairs committee chair to discuss 2005 legislature.

Met with Personnel Bureau managers to talk about broadband pay schedules.

Talking Book Library

TBL goal 2. MTBL will plan and implement a smooth transition to a digital format to ensure that the potential for expanded services are available to MTBL patrons.

Kept abreast of development of National Library Service Planning Group and COSLA participation in the transitions.

Met with Kurt Cylke, Director of the National Library for the Blind, other NLB staff members, and other state librarians to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Library Development Department

LDD Goal 1: Montana library staff and public library trustees have ongoing and continued need for training.

Planned a meeting of federation coordinators, MSL staff, and commission members to consider changes in federations. Drafted memos and other documents in response to federation future task force meeting and research requests.

Participated in the first meeting (December 2, 2003) of the advisory council for the IMLS "Recruitment and Scholarship" grant.

Helped staff review scholarship applications and criteria. Worked with agency attorney to clarification impact of federal rulings on scholarship applications. Helped staff prepare marketing materials for the recruitment. Answered questions on the project from interested parties.

Met with the Director of OCLC's Web-Junction project to discuss Montana participation in the project.

LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens will understand the value and use the services of Montana's libraries.

With the Communications and Marketing Coordinator, monitored the marketing campaign.

Agreed to co present a workshop at the MLA conference on the marketing campaign.

Worked with marketing coordinator to draft text and layout for a brochure to promote the Gale Infotrac products, statistical report, agency's annual report, and library directory.

Montana State Digital Library

LISD Goal 3: Montana citizens need and have the right to easy access to information by and about its state government. MSL is mandated to serve as the repository and public access point to state agency publications.

Met with the Permanent Public Access committee concerning issues of mutual concern. Communicated work of the committee to Representative Bernie Olsen, Lakeside and arrange for his attendance at committee meeting. Wrote draft legislation containing possible changes to Montana statues regarding state government documents and records.

LISD Goal 4: Users have easy and comprehensive access to information through the library.

Monitored the evaluation of LISD.

NRIS Goal 3: NRIS core funding is inadequate to fully accomplish its mission.

Met with Montana Geographic Information Systems (MGIC) sub committee to develop a draft bill and legislative plans to expand funding for spatial information activities.

Other activities

Attended the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies in San Diego.

Attended the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association in San Diego.

Attended a BCR meeting in Denver.