

Montana Talking Books Library

April 19 to May 26, 2004

TBL Goal 1: To ensure that all eligible clients know about the availability of services from MTBL and to make enrollment and use of the service easy for users.

Seven tours were conducted in March.

Eleven presentations on MTBL existing and new services, equipment and materials were given at the Great Falls Health Fair, Montana Association for the Blind in Helena, Missoula and Hamilton.

Sixty-four new applications for service were sent to potential new patrons in March and 25 in April.

KLAS User Conference was attended in Boston, MA to update MTBL employees on better and more efficient ways to use KLAS database for our patrons.

Lobe Library project has been continued for two additional years.

Bits of Gold Newsletter, Vol. 104, #1, was sent to 2,616 MTBL patrons and associates in April.

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.

Continued LCM digital recording training for TBL staff and Recording Program volunteers including the most recent software upgrade.

In March and April, nine titles were completed at both MTBL recording studios:

“Jewel of the Java Sea” by Dan Cushman; “FishHeads” by Leonard Schonberg; “Bloody Merchants War” by Roland Cheek; “A Nose for Trouble” by Jim Kjelgaard; “Goodbye, Old Dry” By Dan Cushman; “The Black Fawn” by Jim Kjelgaard; “Indian Paul” by John Moore; “Libby, Montana” by Andrea Peacock; and “Snake Tracks” by Blair Allen Goyins.

MTBL Staff gave an in service to the Montana State Prison Recording program teams in April.

TBL Goal 3: Allow service to the patrons to be provided more efficiently and effectively by providing enough space for the collection.

A more thorough weeding project has begun starting with the oldest part of the collection in preparation for upcoming reorganization plans.

TBL Goal 4: Increase productivity and satisfaction of staff members and volunteers.

Part time volunteer receptionist from Career Training Institute assisted phone coverage for staff in March.