

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson, LSTA Coordinator
Re: LSTA Update
Date: July 30, 2004

Below are updates on LSTA-funded projects approved by the Commission.

Summer Institute 2004 Project – June 7-11, Bozeman LSTA \$30,000

32 attended (22 library directors, 6 trustees, 4 staff). Sandra Nelson was very well received and the evaluations were very positive. MSL will measure the impact of the training in the fall. Directors who did not attend were contacted to learn if there was a particular problem with the institute time, place, or topic. The Library Development Department (LDD) will consider changes in the format to increase attendance at future institutes.

Total cost = \$20,391

Fall Workshop 2004 Project– September 24-25, Great Falls LSTA \$8,500

Schedule is finalized and announcements have been posted to wired, FOCUS, Big Sky Libraries.

Postcard announcements will go out to all public library Board chairs in mid-August.

Registration begins in mid-August.

Two highlights for this year:

- A. Teens In the Library with Kim Taney, Assistant Director of Network and Patron Services for Webster (NY) Public Library (recommended by Mary Bushing).
- B. Library Fundraising Basics with Peter Pearson, president of The Friends of the St. Paul Library (Peter has raised millions of dollars for his library).

MSC Start Up Project LSTA = \$121,774

An agreement has been transacted with Missoula Public Library for fourteen libraries to join the Montana Shared Catalog (Bruce will provide a detailed MSC update).

Children's Services Consultant Project LSTA = \$1,000

An agreement has been prepared and sent to Cindy Christin for her to represent Montana at the annual Summer Reading Program collaborative meeting in 2005 and to assist with a children's services program for the Fall Workshop. The agreement has not yet been signed.

Trustee Workshops Project – October 23 (Missoula) & November 6 (Billings) LSTA = \$10,000

Jeanne Goodrich, trainer/consultant from Portland, will do the formal presentations on the role of trustees as library advocates. Jeanne has done many trustee workshops in Oregon and California and was highly recommended to MSL. Small stipends for libraries will be used as an incentive to attend (it worked well in 2002). Registration will begin in mid-September.

Trustee Train the Trainer Project LSTA = \$10,000

Tracy is working on the final details. Recruitment for trainers will begin in December and January. Training of four selected trustees is scheduled for February and March. Each trustee selected/trained will be required to do three workshops for Montana library Boards during 2005.