

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

Below are updates on Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)-funded projects approved by the Commission.

**Summer Institute 2004 Project** – June 7-11, Bozeman                      LSTA \$30,000  
Completed. Total cost = \$20,391

**Fall Workshop 2004 Project**– September 24-25, Great Falls              LSTA \$8,500  
The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Workshop was attended by 114 people: 75 from public libraries; 18 from school libraries; three from combined public/school libraries; five from academic libraries; six from special libraries; and 7 trustees. In addition, seven MSL staff attended. Bob was a co-presenter for a session on time management and he joined Bruce on a panel about library automation. Suzanne was the trainer for a hands-on session on using library statistics. Many positive comments were received about these sessions and others available at the workshop. Lunch was provided both days of the workshop to give librarians the opportunity to network. On Saturday, the trustees held an informal meeting during lunch and talked about standards, training, the MLA Trustee Interest Group, and other topics.

**Montana Shared Catalog Start Up Project**                                      LSTA = \$121,774  
The work to add fourteen libraries to the statewide shared catalog continues. Bruce will provide a detailed MSC update to the Commission.

**Montana Shared Catalog Unicorn License Project**                              LSTA = \$17,500  
An agreement has been transacted with Missoula Public Library to purchase from SIRSI the first incremental increase in holdings (from Model G to Model H) for MSC libraries.

**Children's Services Consultant Project**                                      LSTA = \$1,000  
An agreement has been signed with Cindy Christin for assistance with children's services for public libraries. Cindy co-presented a session at the Fall Workshop entitled "Raising Readers" that was attended by 40 librarians. She also coordinated the purchase of the 2005 Summer Reading Program manuals that the State Library is currently distributing to all public libraries.

**Trustee Workshops Project** – (Missoula 10/23 & Billings 11/6)              LSTA = \$10,000  
Registration has started for the trustee workshops. Registration materials were mailed to each Board chair in the state. The events have also been promoted at the Fall Workshop and the fall federation meetings. Parmlly Billings Library and Missoula Public Library have agreed to host the informal Friday evening event for trustees that arrive the night before the workshop with library tours and dessert.

**Trustee Train the Trainer Project**    LSTA = \$10,000  
Tracy Cook has created descriptive materials for this program to get it underway. These include project scope and goals, a volunteer trainer job description, lists of steps and procedures, and various forms for volunteers to use at training sessions. Several trustees have expressed an interest in being a volunteer trainer for the program.