

Library Development Department

November 20, 2004 – January 20, 2005

LDD Goal 1: Montana public librarians and trustees have easy access to the training that they need to provide quality library services to their communities.

Made onsite visits to eight libraries across the state.

Consulted on thirty-nine different topics with staff and trustees from ninety-two libraries across the state.

Worked on developing Outcome Based Evaluation for the Library Board Education Program.

Arranged workshops for the Pathfinder Federation.

Performed routine maintenance for online ILL class.

Attended Economic Summit meeting in Great Falls.

Began planning for Summer Institute 2005 arranging for presenter and training facilities.

Finalized library stipend payments for attendance at the Trustee workshops.

Began planning for the Gates Staying Connected Grant program training component.

Provided technical support for OCLC FirstSearch training in Helena.

LDD Goal 2: To improve library services to citizens by establishing an adequate and stable taxing district.

Provided support for public library district law changes currently being considered by the Montana Legislature.

Consulted with Montana's first library organized under public library district law.

LDD Goal 3: To ensure that all Montana citizens have access to quality library services.

Finalized details on Library Board Education Program and selected trainer for the program workshop.

Began application process for volunteer trainers for Library Board Education Program workshop.

Continued to monitor the PEEL scholarship recipients and to work with the PEEL Advisory Committee to begin the application process for the second round of scholarship awards.

Finalized the PEEL library stipend application form.

Approved 16 continuing education programs for credit; issued 10 OPI renewal certificates; awarded 3 certificates as part of the Montana Library Certification Program; issued 31 letters to program participants with enrollments or certificates expiring in 2005.

Participated in planning for MLA Legislative Library Day at the Montana State Library.

Provided support for library federation law changes currently being considered by the Montana Legislature.

LDD Goal 4: Montana citizens will understand, value, and use the services of Montana's libraries.

Completed the IMLS-required annual State Program Report for Montana's 2003 LSTA grant award.

LDD Goal 5: Montana citizens have easy and complete access to the information that they need at their libraries.

Began preparation of the 2004 Collection Management Honor Roll with receipt and review of updated collection management policies from 27 libraries.

LDD Goal 6: Citizens and students have easy access to and use multiple electronic information resources through their libraries.

Continue to work on InfoTrac/Ebsco training for 2005.

Continued to monitor Gates Staying Connected Grant program and requesting final reports from libraries completing their projects.

Consulted with libraries on the E-Rate program providing information on application deadlines and requirements and calculating library discounts.

LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens can easily access the holdings of all Montana and OCLC libraries and online electronic resources through their libraries.

Began arranging OCLC trainings for the state for 2005.

Began work on a new marketing campaign to help Montana libraries understand how to better utilize contracted OCLC services.