

To: Montana State Library Commission  
From: Sue Jackson, LSTA Coordinator  
Re: LSTA update  
Date: April 12, 2005

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

**Trustee Training Project**

LSTA = \$31,000 (2004)

A training assessment has been sent to all directors and trustees who attended the Trustee Workshops last October/November. The assessment asks participants to describe what library advocacy planning has been accomplished since the workshops and what advocacy efforts have been made, particularly during the legislative session.

Five trustees who volunteered for the Library Board Education Program will attend a two-day workshop in Helena April 15-16. Following the workshop, the trustee trainers will begin offering Board training across the state.

**Children's Services Consultant Project**

LSTA = \$1,000

Cindy Christin will represent Montana at the summer reading program collaborative meeting in April in North Dakota to plan for the 2006 program theme and materials. Cindy will also assist MSL in putting together a children's services program for the Fall Workshop

**2005 Summer Institute**

LSTA = \$30,000

Registration for the Butte (June 13-15) and Billings (June 16-18) Summer Institutes has started. Materials were mailed to all public library directors and Board chairs. Sandra Nelson will make the institute presentations about strategic planning for libraries and communities.

**Fall Workshop 2005**

LSTA = \$10,000

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Workshop will be held at the Hampton Inn in Great Falls on September 30-October 1 (the original dates were changed to avoid a conflict with Montana Committee for the Humanities' Festival of the Book in Missoula). Programs and presentations are still being organized, but some topics to be offered include offering quality readers advisory services, adult programming at the library, emotional intelligence in the work place, how to conduct a patron survey, and convincing administrators of the value of the school library. Registration for the Fall Workshop will begin in late August.

**Montana Shared Catalog**

LSTA = \$158,309

Agreements with Missoula Public Library for expansion of MSC will be transacted in July. The application process for libraries to join MSC will begin in May, with the selected libraries being added to the catalog in September. The new MSC Technical Assistant position will be advertised in April and filled as soon as possible.

**Networking Task Force**

LSTA = \$4500

A meeting of the NTF is scheduled for May.