

Welcome and Good Morning!

State Library Commission Retreat, Saturday 23, 2005 8:00 -11:30am

Flip chart one: General thoughts

People - staffing affects goals of agency

- Change issue
- Libraries appropriately staffed
- Great people – blended IT/Librarians
- Politics, financial, management
- Provide environment for school/all types of libraries to collaborate (#6 1999)

Regionalization

- Federations, multitype
- More on “reading” themes
- OPI involved
- CPU for OPI need at least 5 hours so 2 or 3 meeting – requires some preplanning.

One Commissioner at each federation meeting

Agenda time

Flip chart two: Review of numbered items from earlier retreat

#7 – most important – recognized who users are and how best to serve them

Funding is symptom; relevancy is the issue

Everybody has access to the information they need! #3 really, #7.

Intralibrary loan vs. interlibrary loans

Ahead of curve or react – answer is “yes”

Power of change vs. victim of change.

**Commission message – accept change! Change is good! Agency willing to make an ongoing investment in staff

#4 core tools

Core information resources

Politics at macro level – federation level

Libraries act individually in certain areas – local politics

Flipchart 3: continued numbered list

Libraries work as a community – everyone access to the information they need.

**No information deprivation in Montana

Variation in information

#5 Access to information is unrestricted

Internet – information access – all eggs into this basket
Archival preservation
Intent vs. managing space
Where does information go???

**Permanent public access issue – Commission's stand on this?

#6 MSL has transformed itself into a special library for state government and all appropriate library communities.

Define – also serve government information to all users

Government information is a public resource

Federations as a conduit to a robust network

#7 move to more specialization, not done

Flipchart 4: continued numbered items

#8 – wish rather than action

MSL being a trustworthy responsible partner.

People

Local officials

State agencies

MEA

MLA

Federations

Marketing

MACO

A network of partners

#9 Commission commitment to an appropriate state of the art network,

IT commitment: budget

Staffing

Equipment

Trustworthy partner

**Essential –Cannot do business without this stuff

Internal but externally – other agencies effect strategic planning, MOU,
need to explain to library constituents.

MSL feels: hands on

Ownership

What we want to achieve

Business plan/optimistic

Hardware and software

Flipchart 5: Refresh 1999 Commission goals

- Commission will review its commitments and goals annually
- Library community needs to help the Commission be good by keeping them informed.
- Represent the best interest of the total library community.
- Bring synergism to the library community
- Bring more integration to the library community
- Montana open meeting law.... no decisions unless discussion at open meeting.
- Develop and use a Commission listserve.

Flipchart 6: Strategic Market Plan

Strengthen appropriate local libraries

*State Librarian contact/lunch with Governor's office representative and report at Commission meetings.

Don't winne!

Flipchart 7: Next steps

JH and DS will draft and sent on new Commission listserve.

Polish draft from input and bring to June Commission meeting

Marketing plan – "finalize" by getting any input from Commission via listserve

- Present final product to staff and Commission
- Bruce M will help "present" to staff.