

Digital Library: Library and Information Services (LIS)

LIS Goal 1: State employees have the information that they need to make good public policy recommendations and decisions.

Objects ingested into the State Publications Digital Repository have risen to 842 records. This is not titles, but records, some titles are comprised of several records. We have not been advertising this cataloging and preserving of digital publications to state employees but access to them through our catalog has increased and we have created a process by which all state agencies can easily contribute. See attached.

LIS Goal 2: The staff of Montana libraries know about and have access to the professional literature that they need. They obtain assistance from the MSL reference staff for patron questions.

Roberta Gebhardt attended the ASLD retreat at Chico, added records for the Bitterroot Public Library to OCLC acting as their cataloging agent, and was asked by the MSC staff to be trained in the new Java Client for cataloging.

Marjorie Smith attended the Fall Workshop in Great Falls and Intermediate First Search for ILL which included a brief overview of using Direct Request so that we may have more information to make a better decision whether we should allow our patrons to request interlibrary loans directly from the lending library without our mediation.

LIS Goal 3: Montana citizens have easy access to a comprehensive collection of state publications.

There is now a new access database for state publications which replaces the excel spreadsheet formerly created for shipping and receiving list functions. We have created a stop gap revision to the "Management Memorandum" to state agencies redefining depository requirements
<http://statepublications.jot.com/Updated+Memo>

This is part of our knowledge sharing wiki to aid the many parties involved in participating with this language. This is hosted on a public service and we have been trying to find ways to bring it under the jurisdiction of a mt.gov web address. In the meantime we are currently preparing to reopen the discussion with the rest of the Committee as soon as scheduling allows. It can be found at:
<http://statepublications.jot.com/WikiHome>

LIS Goal 4: Users have easy and comprehensive access to information through the library.

Started working on clearing up all the old barcodes from when the library automated. Almost done, only two folders left to check. Kathy Madison has done an awesome job on this and cleared out about three folders worth of barcodes!

Moved offices, created new spaces, received new paint and carpet, cleaned up personal and public areas, worked out technical snafus with phones, printers and computer lines.

We have noticed an increase of activity by patrons using the library since the remodel and have received many positive comments regarding both the library environment and state employee use of the public access computers.