

Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL)

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Goal One – Content - *MSL acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- In September and October, seven book titles and one issue of "The Montana Magazine of Western History" and one issue of the "Montana Outdoors Magazine" were completed at both MTBL recording studios: "Still Speaking Ill of the Dead by Jon Axline and Jodie Foley; Senior Reflections by Berma Saxton; Until They Bring the Streetcars Back by Stanley Gordon West; Vigilante Women by Virginia Rowe Towle; Verbivore's Feast: A Banquet of Word and Phrase Origin by Christi the Wordsmith; The Search for Charlie by Page Dixon; and The Undying West: A Chronicle of Montana's Camas Prairie by Carlene Cross.
- Authors: Carolyn Garriott, Great Falls, finished recording her book "Shadow of the Cross" and Christy Leskovar, Nevada, started recording her book, "One Night In a Bad Inn: A True Story.
- Special project completed by the Deer Lodge Studio was the Montana Braille TwinVision/ Tactile Catalog.

Goal Two—Access – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

- Outreach contacts in September included presentations to support groups in Miles City and Anaconda, totaling 52. October Outreach contacts included a presentation to fourteen of the Great Falls Blind and Low Vision support group.

Goal Three—Consultation and Leadership - *MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.*

- The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held in Sept. The theme was "Our Volunteers are Unique in Many Ways" with an elegant decor. The total attending the luncheon, which included volunteers, staff, and guests was 86. The keynote speaker was Senator Mike Cooney.
- Two volunteer recording workshops were held in September. A Telephone Pioneer Workshop was held in September to cover new developments in the digital playback machines and continued use and repair of the current equipment.

Goal Four—Collaboration - *MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.*

- The National Library Service has unveiled the new digital playback machine and digital book formats as of November. View player:
www.loc.gov/nls/businessplan/playerdescription.html .

Goal Five— Sustainable Success - *MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.*

- Weeding, Xcess processes and moving archives downstairs is on schedule for the year.
- Experience Works volunteer receptionist was moved to a different host agency after 9 months of excellent support to patrons, staff, and volunteers, giving 5-7 hours per day, five days per week. Available budget monies offered temp. receptionist service of 2.5 hours per day for nine weeks.