

State Librarian's Report
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Goal One – Content – *Montana State Library (MSL) acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- Provided input as Staff, Adjunct committee(s), and Network Advisory Council moved ahead on the beyond the core additional database proposal as well as the downloaded audio books proposal.

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.*

- Meet weekly with Managers to follow up on issues, answer questions, seek information and/or provide guidance.
- Continue to work with Legislative Fiscal Division analyst as well as Governor's Budget Office Analyst to prepare follow up on agency goals and objectives for the Governor's office and interim Legislative Finance Committee meeting report(s).
- Worked with staff to prepare proposal to apply for a "Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant. Trying to include a partnership with Idaho, Wyoming, North and South Dakota's State Libraries as well as the Library school at the University of North Texas.

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

- Consulted on Fulfillment Task Force issues, budgets and funding issues for local libraries, hiring and evaluation of new public library directors, public library standards, LSTA long range planning, library legislation, state aid for libraries, Professional Education and Employment scholarship job issues, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Participated in advocacy workshop at Fall Workshops in Lewistown.

- Participated in October State Library Commission meeting.
- Plan for and participated in the Commission's travels and visits to libraries on the way to and from October Commission meeting in Sidney.
- Participated in October Chief Officers of State Library Agencies Omaha meeting.
- Participated in October Western Council of State Librarians Omaha meeting.
- Attended Sagebrush Federation Meeting in Glendive on November 3rd.
- Attended Trustee Training workshop in Missoula on November 10th.
- Planned, prepared for, and participated in the Fulfillment Task Force meeting on November 16th.
- Met with Governor's cabinet every Tuesday.

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

- Met with Robin Trenbeath, Geospatial Information Officer of Montana, and visited about statewide GIS issues including but not limited to the portal at the State Library, improving relationships, the imaging theme plan, and forthcoming GIS conference.
- Attended weekly meetings of the Governor's Cabinet.

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.*

- Accepted Jim Hill's letter of resignation. Jim plans to retire at the end of December 2007.
- Worked with managers in preparation of a slight reorganization to take advantage of the recent resignations in the Digital Library area to provide for a separate Information Technology unit as well as a more focused leadership for the Digital Library.
- Continue to work on first drafts of three Managers and State Librarians work plans.
- Worked with lawyer on a couple of personnel and contract issues.

- Assisted with review and development of the digital library transition strategy; assisted from afar with the media fall out as the digital library transition plan hit the “streets”. Continue to work with Governor’s office to visit regarding the transition plan.