

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.*

- Continued to worked with Digital Library staff and Governor's office in the revision of the "Digital Library Transition Plan" and patron survey questions.
- Met with Governor's Budget office regarding requests from the Montana Association for the Blind and the Radio Reading Service regarding future opportunities to provide Newslines and radio reading services to more of Montana's blind and physically handicapped citizens.
- Met with McHugh and Cooper regarding the request for proposal process regarding e-audio books program for Montana libraries.

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.
- Met with the Governor's Budget office regarding executive planning process request to provide additional funding for statewide OCLC services.
- Conducted first meeting with partner states as we begin to prepare a 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.
- Participated in a webinar entitled "Rethinking Resource Sharing".

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, potential of household tax for library districts, salary ranges and classification scales for library positions, use of children and other patron pictures on library websites or newsletters, Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) long range planning, library legislation, state aid for libraries, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Participated in February State Library Commission meeting.
- Prepared for Network Advisory Council(NAC) and participated in half of their 03/21/08 meeting.
- Met with Governor's cabinet every Tuesday, except 03/11/08.
- Participated in eRIM Steering Committee meeting(s). eRIM stands for electronic records and information management. Worked with a subcommittee on standardized vocabulary.

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

- Continue to work on MSL efforts to meet the Governor's 2010 initiative to reduce fuel and energy consumption. We are moving forward with lots of efforts to reduce our energy use without harming our services.
- Meet monthly with Robin Trenbeath, Geospatial Information Officer(GIO) of Montana, and visited about statewide Geospatial Information Services(GIS) issues including but not limited to the portal at the State Library and the imaging theme plan.
- Participated in the Broad Valleys Federation meeting in Bozeman.
- Help staff announce the new www.askMontana.org virtual reference program available to all Montanan's 24/7.

- Participated in a Bibliographic Center for Research(BCR) Board meeting in Denver.
- Participated in Montana Land Information Act Council(MLIAC) meeting.
- Met with Legislative Auditor regarding Department of Administration audit and the old information technology purchase request (ITPR) issue.

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.*

- Sadly accepted Sibyl Govan's resignation effective March 14, 2008.
- Hired Jennie Stapp for the position of Digital Library Director and Chief Information Technology Officer. Jennie started her new position on March 17, 2008. Jennie has been with the State Library as Administrative Assistant for Montana Shared Catalog and most recently as Content Specialist for the Digital Library. Jennie brings appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities to this new position. Jennie is professional and has an exciting, challenging vision for the Digital Library.
- Hired Gerry Daumiller for the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) Manager position. Gerry has been with the NRIS program since the beginning over twenty years ago. Gerry's most recent position with NRIS was that of a GIS programmer/Analyst. Gerry brings to his new position the appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities and a great background of NRIS history.
- Continued to work with staff, Network Advisory Council and others from the library community on our LSTA FY'08 budget proposal(s).
- Met with the Governor's budget office for an opening conversation on the executive planning process budget issues for the 2009 legislative session.
- Continue to work on first drafts of three Managers work plans.
- Interviewed five persons for the administrative assistant position.

- Attended cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as part of staff safety plan.
- Worked with staff to make preparation for various trips and meetings. Including but not limited to federation meetings in Bozeman, Miles City and Stevensville; Montana Library Association Conference in Great Falls; National Legislative Day in Washington DC; Western Council of State Libraries and Mountain Plains Library Association meetings in Utah and BCR board meeting in Denver.
- Met with Jim Kerins, consultant who is helping us with our draft of state library pay plan. Managers and I made recommendations for final draft.