

DRAFT 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.*

- Worked with bill drafter on clarification of the Montana Association for the Blind proposed legislation (HB 265) for funding for the Newline and Radio Reading Program services for Montana's Talking Book patrons.

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.
- Prepared second mailing regarding Information Access legislation for all libraries in Montana based on recommendations and suggestions from Fulfillment Task Force, Network Advisory Council, and directions from State Library Commission. See full set of materials at:
http://www.msl.mt.gov/About_MSL/Fulfillment_Task_Force/documents/default.asp
- Presented Information Access legislation changes (HB 61) to House Local Government Committee, passed out of the Committee with all eighteen Representatives voting yes.

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

- Prepared for and participated in October and December State Library Commission meeting.

- Visited libraries on the way to and from the Commission meeting in Malta on October 15th.
- Prepared for and participated in October Pathfinder Federation meeting.
- Prepared for and participated in October Sagebrush Federation meeting.
- Consulted on library legislation, state aid for libraries, Library Board of Trustees powers and duties, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Met with Sue Jackson and Tracy Cook regarding Montana's certification program, established a Certification Program Update Focus Group to work with staff to provide recommendations on an updated certification program.
- Met with Governor's cabinet every Tuesday, except 10/07/08, 10/14/08 10/28/08, and 11/18/08
- Working with agency lawyer regarding appropriate MSL support up to and including an amicus brief for the Butte/Silver Bow Public library Board of Trustee vs. Butte Silver Bow County legal issue.

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

- Attended Chief Officers of State Library Agency and Western Council of State Libraries meetings in Jackson, MS.
- Attended Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) training on allowable costs in Washington DC in November.
- Participated in Strategic vision for 21st century skills in libraries and museums at Institute of Museum and Library Services offices, Washington DC.

- Met with Robin Trenbeath, State Geographic Information Officer (GIO) and staff of the Montana Base Map Center regarding future cooperative Geographic Information Services (GIS) project with the State Library.
- Continued to develop collaborative relationships with Governor, Governor's lead staff, key legislators, etc. by participation at Cabinet meetings, Montana's electronic records management committee (also known as eRIM), Montana Land Information Act Council (MLIAC), Electronic government services (eGov) Advisory Council, etc.
- Worked with staff committee on planning for the legislative booklets and library legislative event.
- Met with the Director of State Grants Program at the Institute of Museum and Library Services in November for clarification on newest guidelines regarding using library services and technology act (LSTA) monies for training and also regarding use of the 4% administrative monies. We have not received a response yet but are hopeful we can get some clear answers and an increase in the 4% allowable for administrative functions.
- Participated with Professional Employment and Education for Librarians (PEEL) scholarship committee's deliberations on the stipend applications.

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.*

- Worked with a consultant on rewriting the position profiles for Statewide Library Resources and Digital Library Director Positions to bring them both into more appropriate alignment with overall broadband categories.
- Prepared and sent weekly updates for the legislative/budget process to Staff and Commission.
- Review draft of Disruptive patron policy.

- Prepared and provided State Library's budget presentation for the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. The subcommittee passed all aspects of the Governor's December 15, 2008 budget for the State Library, but they did not close the budget at this time.
- Working with managers preparing updated services, projects, and programs listing for future discussion regarding budget shortfalls.