

## Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL)

September 21, 2010 through November 10, 2010

Prepared for December 1, 2010 Commission meeting by Christie Briggs, Regional Librarian. This report represents accomplishments of MTBL staff: Briggs, Gunderson, Landry, Meier and Stanton, plus 100 volunteers.

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

Sept. 21 – Nov. 10, 2010: three books and two magazine issues of ***The Montana Magazine of Western History*** and the ***Montana Outdoors Magazine*** were completed at both MTBL recording studios: ***Axe Time, Sword Time*** by Barbara Corcoran; ***The Bad Boys of Butte*** by Les Rickey and ***Annie: From Slavery to a Montana Homestead*** by Lenore McKelvey Puhek

Special Projects Completed: recorded the 2010 Voter Information Pamphlet (V.I.P.) for the Secretary of State's Office.

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

Circulation of digital materials continues to increase as expected. Our collection of new digital books is rapidly building. We have adequate digital players and began distributing to schools and institutional patrons the in October.

MTBL staff served 1,097 more patrons, thus far, in this biennium over the previous one.

New patrons totaled 38 for September, 50 in October and 10 were added by the first full week of November.

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

Sept. 21-Nov. 10, 2010, four new volunteers signed up: Jim Brown (recording program reader/monitor and machine repair), Amber Brackett (recording program monitor), Sue Jackson (MCB review committee) and Jackie Brehe (recording program monitor).

Sept. 23-Oct., outreach presentations were given to Montana seniors and teachers in Bozeman, Great Falls and Helena.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> was White Cane Awareness Day with a low vision clinic held at Ft. Harrison. Volunteer Peggy Barnekoff demonstrated MTBL materials to veterans.

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

Two staff members attended the first committee meeting of the 2011 Legislative Library Day Event set for January 18, 2011.

Partnered with Experience Works Program to train a new individual in the Talking Book Library's machine cleaning and processing procedures.

Partnered with Career Training Institute's (CTI) Summer Youth Program to continue as a training host agency to educate and offer new skills to young adults in using the various programs of the Talking Book Library.

Supervisor attended teleconference planning meetings for the 2011 Western Talking Book Library Conference to be held in Golden, Colorado in May.

Sept.-Nov. MTBL Supervisor and colleagues from other TBL libraries attended three teleconferences with the National Library Service staff regarding recent digital developments.

**Goal Five— Sustainable Success** – *MSL/MTBL 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.*

October 28th- Diane Gunderson, Coordinator of Volunteers, Bob Cooper and all MTBL staff hosted the 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to recognize our 100 volunteers. Held at the SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Social Center in East Helena, this years' theme "Volunteers are Magic – They Work Wonders!" set a festive atmosphere with table decorations of top hats, magic wands and colored sprays. Key Note Speaker and local magician, Robert Clarkson, entertained volunteers with a magic show.

Youth volunteers Ainsley Biskupiak, Alexis, CJ, and Michael Meier as well as Laura Patzer were recognized. Special Appreciation Award recognized Rose McGee. Telephone Pioneers Frank and Chuck Flynn, Tom Tompkins, Gloria Purcell and Cookie Basinger were recognized, as well as new machine program volunteers Anne Schultz and Jim Brown. Recording Team of the Year Award went to Donna Davis, narrator, Joyce Beckes, monitor, and Dorothy Carpenter, reviewer. Longevity Awards recognized Len Null and Al Tompkins for 5 years; Alberta Blanton, Ralph Leonard and Marie Vanisko for 10 years; Mary Biskupiak, Dorothy Harper, Minnie Koenig, Darlene Lloyd, Kay Stevens and Giles Walker for 15 years; Phyllis Herbert, Colleen Mockler and Jane Weidler for 20 years of devoted volunteer service to MTBL.

In keeping with the magic theme, each volunteer received a compact tote (with "Volunteers Are Magic!" imprinted on the pocket) which magically transformed into a larger one upon opening.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provided a cake. There were 75 total participants including volunteers, MSL/MTBL Staff and guests (Russ Cravens and Margaret Smith, Telecom Pioneer Representatives; Jane McFarlane, RSVP; Bruce Breslauer and guide dog Glendale, Blind & Low Vision Services in Great Falls).