



# *Rosebud County Library*

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Montana State Library Commission  
c/o Montana State Library  
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Dear Commissioners:

Please be advised that Rosebud County Library and Bicentennial Library of Colstrip are seeking permission from the Montana State Library Commission to change affiliation from the Sagebrush Federation to the South Central Federation.

Issues specific to this change in affiliation have been discussed at several Rosebud County Library Board Meetings this spring with a final board vote taken during the regular library board meeting of May 16, 2012.

The Rosebud County Library Board affirms that it is in the best interests of our patrons, our directors and their support staff, and our Board to join the South Central Federation.

Our Board has already received the endorsement of South Central Federation's Coordinator to make this move. Our libraries have a strong commitment to collaboration, and we look forward to playing a beneficial and productive role as a team member with the South Central Federation. Furthermore, Rosebud and Treasure Counties, which we serve, are geographically adjacent to counties in South Central Federation.

The Rosebud County Library Board also requests that our two libraries join the South Central Federation as equal partners as they have been for the past 25 years in Sagebrush Federation. The Bicentennial Library of Colstrip, a branch in name only to satisfy state law, actually functions as a fully independent library. The Bicentennial Library operates with an Advisory Board through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Rosebud County Library Board. The Rosebud County Library Board is open to the Commission's decision as to the status of our libraries if they are allowed to join South Central Federation.

If possible, our libraries would like to join South Central Federation beginning with the 2013 fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellis Roberts Parry, Chair  
Rosebud County Library Board