

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Jo Flick

Date: November 5, 2012

Re: Statewide Training Report

MSL Statewide Library Resources Learning Portal: The MSL Learning Portal will be launched later this month. MSL trainers have contributed to the design of the WordPress site, meeting twice per week, as we await some final decisions on the theme.

Summer Library Leadership Institute Follow-up: 20 of the attendees from the Summer Library Leadership Institute attended a follow-up meeting and dinner at the Fall Workshop to reconnect, reflect and share experiences, and to evaluate and make recommendations for the institute. Each director chose a project to apply the skills they developed at the institute, and at this meeting, they reported to their peers on the progress they've made and the lessons learned along the way. This comment is representative of what the leaders had to say: "The leadership institute gave me confidence to look beyond the walls of my library to see how the library could be more visible/involved in the needs of the community." Several attendees suggested continued follow-up activities beyond the two webinars over the summer and the Fall Workshop session, perhaps coordinated library tours for attendees or other events for the leaders. I will be working with the leaders to compile an update and final report on their projects and will look for opportunities to reconvene with them over the winter. If the leadership institute is funded again, this group will have a role in guiding and shaping the event.

Outreach: I have compiled a report of leadership activities for librarians in other states that was presented to the Continuing Education Coordinators Forum in August. The report lists information from two dozen states about the different ways state libraries deliver and sustain leadership training.

Fall Workshop 2012: The Fall Workshop is sustaining an annual attendance of about 150 participants. This year, registration was so robust that the event was not promoted at all after the registration was opened. Rising hotel rates and a significant increase in the mileage reimbursements for our presenters due to this year's location impacted the budget for this event. We were able to take advantage of speakers sponsored by BTOP for the Parmly-Billings Library event the day before the Fall Workshop. The annual budget for the Fall Workshop is an item for discussion by the NAC and MSL staff as we look toward next year's event.

Trainings offered for statewide projects:

- ***Online Webinars:***

- Collaborative Summer Library Program with Cindy Christin
- Montana Shared Catalog: Director's Station Basics (two sessions) with Amy Marchwick
- Archiving & Document Preservation with Caitlan Maxwell of the Montana Historical Society
- Montana Shared Catalog: Useful Reports (two sessions) with Amy Marchwick
- HomeworkMT: Conducting Community Outreach with Jo Flick
- Montana Memory Project: Getting started with Katie Beall
- Summer Institute: Check-in and Project Updates
- Montana Memory Project: Getting Started with Project Client & ContentDM with Katie Beall
- DiscoverIt! Integrated Search Tool: Just the Basics with Jo Flick
- Creating Play Spaces in Your Library with Cindy Christin

- ***Onsite Training:***

- EBSCO training tour: Salish-Kootenai College, Pablo, Fort Peck College Annex, Wolf Point, Montana State Library
- Montana Memory Project training at Butte-Silverbow Archives and World Museum of Mining, Butte with Katie Beall
- Summer Library Leadership Institute, Carroll College, Helena
- Introduction to the EBSCO databases and DiscoverIt! Search Tool; School Library Boot Camp, Canyon Ferry
- Teaching with Primary Sources Workshop (for school librarians); State Library
- MSL Fall Workshop, Billings
- MEA-MFT Conference, Billings – DiscoverIt! integrated search tool and HomeworkMT
- 21st Century Libraries: leading Montana's libraries into the future (for trustees and directors), Billings, Great Falls, Missoula