

Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

**From:** Jo Flick, Training and Development Specialist

**Date:** March 3, 2014

**Re:** Statewide Training update

**2013 Summer Library Leadership Institute:** Leaders will present their projects at the April meeting of the Montana Library Commission in Billings (postponed from December due to weather). There will not be a Summer Institute in 2014, based on previous recommendations from the NAC to schedule this event every other year.

**Trustee Training:** Catherine Hakala-Ausperk provided a 4-part online course: "Happily Ever After –Board - Director Relationships that work!" for trustees and directors, in January -February. The archived recordings of that short course are posted on the MSL Vimeo Channel. Plans are underway for onsite trustee/director clinics at 3 or 4 locations in late Spring. The focus of those events will be on succession planning and managing leadership transitions.

**Fall Workshop 2014** MSL is planning to arrange the Fall Workshops and the Montana Shared Catalog meetings on consecutive days in Helena/late September. Dates for the meetings will be announced soon.

**Offline 2014** was held February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Carroll College with over 80 attending. The theme was "What's Next for Montana Libraries – pieces of the pie" with a focus on considering new ways to collaborate and promote resources sharing regionally or statewide. Some terrific ideas were generated and captured through the plenary session small group facilitated discussions and from the evaluation documents which were received from participants. A full report from that event will be published soon. The Bibliotechie Award was revived and Trista Smith was the recipient of the 2014 award.

**Learning Portal** – MSL IT staff have determined that it is in the best long-term interest for the MSL websites to migrate to Dot Net Nuke (DNN) which is supported by the State's IT services, where WordPress is not. This migration event along with the work that was done for the design of the MSL site since the Learning Portal launched a year ago have prompted some reorganization of the Learning Portal's menu system which will take place over the next few weeks. We hope that by having a menu structure that is similar to the menu on the Statewide Library Resources page, that both sites will be easier to negotiate. In the updated Learning Portal we will have a section called "Community Engagement" that will capture training resources related to services that libraries provide to their communities but are not a statewide pilot, project, or program. The content under the Trustees' tab was deemed of value to directors as well and will be renamed "Library administration" to reflect that the content is of interest to administrative staff and boards.

**PNLA** will be held at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena, August 13-15. Jo Flick and Pam Henley are serving on the programming committee for the conference.