

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Jessie Goodwin, Montana Shared Catalog Director

Date: May 8, 2016

Re: Montana Shared Catalog Update

FY 2017 Coal Severance Tax (CST) funds for new libraries to join the Montana Shared Catalog in the amount of \$10,443.45 were approved at the April 6, 2016 MSL Commission meeting and will be used for vendor start-up costs. These libraries, Richey Public (a branch of the Glendive Public Library) and the Livingston-Park County library will be implemented beginning this summer, with a completion date and library 'go-lives' planned for early Fall. Two libraries will be withdrawing from the MSC in the next fiscal year-Billings Medical Clinic Library and Miles Community College Library. The MSC counts 177 member libraries with these additions and withdrawals.

Jessie Goodwin was hired as the Director of the Montana Shared Catalog and began on February 22, 2016. Prior to that time, Jessie worked as the MSC Training and Technical Support staff member. This left a vacancy which was filled by Bobbi DeMontigny on May 2, 2016. Now that the MSC is fully staffed we can once again focus on improving system functions, catalog records, and increased training efforts.

The Policies Reorganization project is in its final stages, with a planned completion date of June 2016. The system configuration and policies reorganization effort had slowed while the MSC was operating below full staffing but work has been reprioritized as we near the end of this fiscal year. This project, begun in 2013, will improve resource sharing and streamline system administration as well as report creation both for MSC administrative staff and member library staff. Home location policies are being cleaned up and the final removal of policies will be completed by SirsiDynix in June of 2016.

The MSC 2016 Spring Members meeting was held in Helena on May 6. Key topics included the FY2017 budget and the Technical Services Futures Summit as well as Acquisitions Standardization. The budget was unanimously approved with little discussion. New members of the MSC Executive Board were elected: Kelly Reisig (Eastern-at-Large), Debra Westrom (K-8 School Libraries), and Roberta Gebhardt (Special Libraries).

FY2017 Server Location working group to examine both the State ITSD data center and the SirsiDynix hosted "Software as a Service" option was proposed at the MSC Spring Members meeting. At least two and potentially more MSC libraries will be asked to test server location options for FY2018.