

Network Advisory Council's responses to where do you wish the NAC would focus its energies?

Recurring themes as identified by NAC members:

- Technology access
- Resource sharing
- Innovation/new things
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Impact and value for external stakeholders
- Funding

Statements that referenced all types of libraries

- Help create conversations between types of libraries
- Bridge patron access across all libraries
- Learning about lifelong learning goals of the public libraries has made me think school libraries could do a better job sharing educational goals at several developmental stages
- Continue to evaluate ways to support all libraries
- Support states' libraries

Statements that talked about patrons

- Making the most of limited funds – determined by patron needs
- Changing needs of our patrons – tech vs. print
- Help the libraries meet the needs of our patrons whether it is online/tech services or regular print needs
- Helping our patrons keep up with a changing tech world
- Identify underserved communities and their needs. Plan accordingly. What are the changing needs? E.g. language, culture
- Evaluate community needs across MT and adjust services accordingly through programs and training

Statements that talked about libraries

- Marketing library value
- How will libraries support communities in times of extreme polarization on political and social, etc. issues?
- Help libraries/State Library determine public value
- Equalizing tech access playing field for all libraries in MT

- Letting our patrons know what's available/happening at the library
- Help/facilitate libraries building partnerships to maximize sharing of online/print resources

Statements that mentioned MSL and/or work that LD has done in the past or are currently reflected in strategic framework

- Reviewing and prioritizing new pilot projects
- Help State Library determine public value
- Sounding board for tech innovation in all libraries across Montana
- Develop tools to tell impact stories
- Build resource sharing capacity
- Funding models → Implementation
- Pilot projects
- Leadership; mentoring
- Stable satisfactory funding
- Lifelong learning; literacy
- Status & ethics of libraries
- Support MSL
- Choosing statewide databases every 2-6 years
- Resource sharing projects
- Improve and expand resource sharing across MT libraries
- Imagining and facilitating the future of MT libraries

Statements that mentioned the future or changes to the NAC or values:

- Creativity
- Lead; innovative; service delivery
- Change name "network" – too tech/old time
- Collaboration
- Recording/reporting progress
- Risk taking; growth; innovation
- Lead national dialogue
- Expand concept of what "network" means
- Staying ahead of what's coming