

Montana State Library Commission Work Plan Fiscal Year 2019

Green (no font distinction) – activity progressing as expected.

Yellow (*italicized*) – activity may be delayed but the delays do not necessarily rise to the level of Commission concern

Red (**bolded**) – activity is delayed and Commission attention is warranted

Blue (underlined) – addition or change to the original work plan.

Strategic Framework – Secure Sufficient and Sustainable Funding

The State Library Commission enters into contract with a Foundation Consultant to take steps to create a turnkey non-profit that will meet the goals of the Commission.

- The next meeting of the steering committee is October 23rd in Helena. If we have solid group of committed members for the Board of Directors by then, it may be the last meeting of the committee. The steering committee informed final drafts of articles of incorporation and bylaws as well as a tentative name for the nonprofit: Trust for Montana Libraries. These, and other, documents are ready to be delivered to a new board for their deliberation and finalization. More information is available online at: http://about.msl.mt.gov/commission_councils/steering_committee/steering_meetingmaterials.

Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
Funding from the State Library Trust to contract with a Foundation Consultant.	Deliverables of a contract as negotiated through a request for proposal used to select a consultant.	The Commission, staff, and partners develop a nonprofit to strategically seek and align financial resources to meet State Library goals.	The programs of the State Library achieve the impacts articulated in the Strategic Framework.
Time of a nonprofit steering committee and additional staff as necessary	Communication to stakeholders about funding efforts.	The Commission identifies new partners and opportunities that grow into funding opportunities.	

Data regarding the costs of programs and services.		The State Library has sufficient and sustainable funding to achieve its goals.	
Data regarding alternative sources of funding or funding opportunities.		State Library partners identify and/or benefit from new funding possibilities.	
		State Library partners have sufficient and sustainable funding to achieve their goals and to make use of the resources the State Library provides.	

The State Library adopts a planning and reporting system for State Library Administration

- [Information Technology staff are taking the lead to conceptualize and plan for what we hope will become a new data collection and reporting system for MSL. To scope the work into a manageable project, staff are working to collect and organize data specific to the Montana Shared Catalog that is reported as part of the LSTA annual report \(see attached\). This specific project was selected because it is data we collect regularly and it will require staff to collect data in different forms and formats and from different sources so it is a useful test of a future reporting structure. Once the data is better organized we can better conceptualize how to deliver the reports in meaningful form to various stakeholders including, importantly, the Commission. These deliberations will include evaluation of off the shelf products as well as internal solutions. Staff are meeting on a biweekly basis as the project takes shape.](#)

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<i>Time of the reporting task force and additional staff as necessary</i>	<i>A reporting system that serves as a dashboard for project administration, resource allocation and</i>	<i>Management and staff report having ready access to tools to more effectively administer the programs and projects of the State Library</i>	<i>The programs of the State Library achieve the impacts articulated in the Strategic Framework.</i>

	<i>administration, and reporting</i>		
<i>Data maps and data</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff have completed an initial inventory of reports and a matrix of data reported in each</i> 		<i>The Commission reports that they can readily determine how the resources they allocate are utilized and whether or not the State Library is meeting our goals.</i>	
<i>Reporting system (TBD)</i>		<i>Management and the Commission have information that helps them prioritize new and/or declining resources to successfully address opportunities and challenges.</i>	
		<i>Management, staff, and the Commission utilize information from the reports to make decisions about resource, projects, and programs.</i>	

- The State Library Commission evaluates opportunities to collaborate more effectively with the Montana Library Association.

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<i>Research of staff and Commission</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>The Commission and the Board of the Montana Library Association identify opportunities for roles and relationships that make the best use of our resources and that support mutual goals to enhance the Montana library Community.</i>	<i>The Montana library community has the resources and expertise that it needs to excel.</i>

Future work plan ideas:

The following ideas have come up in discussion during previous meetings:

- Update Strategic Framework
- Legislative session and FTE planning
- Enhancing opportunities for Certified Teacher-Librarians in Montana
- Create liaisons with strategic stakeholders such as the Montana Association of Counties and the Workforce Development Board