

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Tracy Cook, Director of Library Development

**Date:** October 5, 2018

**Re: NAC recommendations for changing the language of goal 2 of the 2018-2022 LSTA Plan**

At their August 14, 2018 meeting, the Network Advisory Council made the following recommendations for changing the language of goal 2 of the current Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) 5-year plan.

Change the current language "The Montana library community speaks in a way that reveals its interconnectedness and establishes a cohesive "Montana library" identity that helps community members understand that libraries are for their lives right now as well as for their lifetimes" to the following "**The Montana library community speaks in a way that reveals through its interconnectedness and establishes a cohesive "Montana library" identity that helps community members understand that libraries are for their lives right now as well as for their lifetimes.**"

The Network Advisory Council (NAC) discussed this goal at their meeting and realized that the cohesive Montana library identity was more internal and about educating members of the public than designing services for the public. After discussing what this meant, the NAC recommended removing that clause and simplifying the goal to reflect the desire for the State Library to help libraries design library services for all ages.

We have confirmed with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) that this does not substantively change the nature of the goal. As such, we only need to send the updated language to IMLS if the Commission accepts this recommendation.