

Memo

To: Network Advisory Council

From: Tracy Cook, Library Development Director

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Re: **DPLA e-Book Platform Pilot**

Background: We are pursuing an eBook pilot with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The Commission approved up to \$50,000 for this project.

Goals of the pilot*

- Test an eBook platform to disseminate state publications and evaluate benefits to Montana state agencies and users
 - Content: Montana state publications at the Internet Archive and new, born digital, publications
- Test an eBook platform that can serve as a content hub for professional development materials for Montana state employees and/or Montana library professionals
 - Content: MSL professional development collection, possibly Professional Development Center content
- Test an eBook platform that better integrates MSL eBook content to determine whether users appreciate the platform
 - Content: Montana state publications at the Internet Archive and new, born digital, publications, and MSL professional development collection
- Test an eBook platform for Montana libraries that integrates content from a variety of sources (scope may vary depending on participation and available resources)
 - Content: MontanaLibrary2Go Overdrive collection, State publications, professional development collection, School libraries Overdrive collection.

Questions for the NAC to consider:

- What would success look like for this project? What would be useful for your patrons and your library? What data would you like us to collect?