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**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

**Date:** March 27, 2019

**Re: Montana State Library (MSL) Trust Request for Montana History Foundation Book Purchase for Montana Public Libraries and Branches**

In 2018, Charlene Porsild, the Chief Executive Officer of the Montana History Foundation, gave a presentation to the State Library about their work to produce a photo book to document Montana's Carnegie Libraries. That work is now coming to fruition. The book, which will be published by August, is 120 pages and is heavily illustrated with 144 black and white images. Author Jamie Ford is writing the introduction. Proceeds from the sale of the book will fund a grant program to fund historic preservation of the Carnegie Libraries. The Foundation will also produce traveling exhibit to share the results of their research through the library community. The exhibit launch will coincide with the book publication.

To ensure access to this piece of Montana history for all Montanans, staff request authority to spend up to \$1500 to purchase copies of the book for all Montana public libraries and branches. The cost of the book, which the History Foundation is offering at whole sale, is approximately \$12/book.