

Memo

To: Network Advisory Council

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Re: Core Services Committees

The Montana State Library has a few timely opportunities this calendar year which will benefit from the input of advisory groups:

E-Resources

An e-resources committee would help draft an e-content collection development plan for all services that would fall under the "MontanaLibrary2Go" program, including but not limited to the shared OverDrive platform and the Digital Public Library of America ebooks pilot. This committee may also be asked to develop outcomes for a spending plan if ARPA funds are allocated to provide additional e-resources. Due to the abbreviated timeline for spending these funds, this work would need to be completed within the next few months.

Montana Shared Catalog – Request for Proposals

The Montana Shared Catalog contract expires in calendar year 2022. A Request for Proposals will need to be released in calendar 2021 to replace this contract. A committee or subcommittee focused on the ways in which integrated library systems help serve diverse user needs would help design the RFP and evaluate vendor responses.

Resource Sharing

Montana Courier Network: MSL received a response to the recent Request for Information that opens the possibility of expanding the service area range to

accommodate more libraries. This would make participation in physical resource sharing, via Partners or otherwise, available to more libraries than ever before. However, there are questions about how to define and measure equity and value in this program and how to design and budget for a pilot that merit the work of a core services committee that would be focused on physical delivery and/or resource sharing.

Another topic of potential interest to this committee would be helping to define measures for evaluating the value of the OCLC Group Services contract and advising on what additional needs exist within the scope of this contract.