

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, and staff

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Re: Partner Feedback

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Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:47 AM

To: Stapp, Jennie <JStapp2@mt.gov>; Kim, Amelea <akim@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank You ;)

Hello Jennie and Amelea,

Thank you for including all the core service committees in the Strategic Foresight training on Thursday. I didn't add everyone, but this is to all state library staff. I got a lot out of the training and look forward to implementing what we learned.

Take care,

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To: Stapp, Jennie <JStapp2@mt.gov>; Cook, Tracy <TCook2@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NAC retreat and Strategic Foresight training

Hey Jennie and Tracy,

Great seeing you guys last week, hope you each had an enjoyable summer weekend.

I wanted to thank you all for providing that strategic foresight retreat. It was one of the most valuable, engaging, interesting, entertaining, and just all-around excellent workshops I have ever attended.

I must admit that I'm a bit of a future-tech skeptic and was somewhat ambivalent about this training prior to attending (even after watching the video and doing the "homework" -- my somewhat strong biases against buzzwords and corporations were hard to overcome). So I was rather surprised at just how relevant and practical the training was to my role as a librarian and NAC member, and extremely impressed by how much the presenters understood the role of libraries and how useful the applications of strategic foresight could be for librarians.

I couldn't have asked for a better NAC retreat and it was a bright spot in my summer (both the workshop itself, and the chance to socialize and engage with fellow librarians and NAC members). Thanks to both of you and other MSL staff for making it happen. I think it will be very helpful to have the strategic foresight framework in mind as we move forward with various projects and discussions about library services that benefit all Montanans.

All the best,

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