

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, and staff
Date: Oct. 1, 2022
Re: Partner Feedback

On Aug 10, 2022, at 3:06 PM, Charlene Porsild <charlene@mthistory.org> wrote:

Hi Jennie,

Reaching out to say a huge THANK YOU to the State Library for the Wifi hotspots program. As you know, we're taking our antiques appraisal event to the Daly Mansion in Hamilton in September and the appraisers need good wifi in the tent out on the museum grounds. The local provider wanted \$700 for the day, so I called Jennifer Birnel to ask if she had any suggestions and she told us about the program. We reached out to Mark Wetherington at the (Carnegie) public library in Hamilton and he jumped right on board and offered to lend us one.

We are delighted to have their partnership and yours and will be sure to promote that during the event.

Thanks again,

Charlene

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] THANK YOU

I wanted to be sure and send a note of thanks for the training yesterday morning. As usual Tracy did an excellent job. I definitely gained a better understanding of the different branches of government, the funding, the budget, the local government budget act, and the additional ways libraries can ensure stability in contingency funding.

Even more importantly I gained a better understanding of the context surrounding the conversations I have with my local government officials. At the end of the day we are all committed to a better Montana. I feel I have a broader understanding of the job of each local official by articulating the challenges they face each day. As we know we must seek first to understand in our work with others. After all, we are all here to do the best for the most. Thank you for giving time for this training. It was well received by everyone and I made a new connection with a board member in Roosevelt County too!

Have a great week! I'm proud to be a partner with each of you in the Montana Library World.

Kelly

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Wifi Hotspots for Appraisal Fair

Dear Mark and Daniel,

Thank you and the Bitterroot Public Library for providing WiFi hotspots for our two celebrity appraisers last weekend at the Daly Mansion antiques appraisal fair.

We had an amazing event, and the public and our appraisers had a great day. None of it would have been possible without your help, and we are so grateful for that.

I'm attaching a photo of appraiser Timothy Gordon examining a 1500 year-old Asian bowl and one of the two appraisers examining an art moderne lamp – in both situations they are using the laptops to look up these rarities for comparison items and using the WiFi to do so.

Once again, librarians save the day!!!!

Thank you again,  
Charlene

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The team just returned from a week of testing out in Glasgow and we had excellent VRS RTK reception with the MTSRN network the entire time. Thank you again for your support!

-Anonymous User

Note:

VRS = Virtual Reference Station

RTK = Real-Time Kinematic, which is a technique for improving GPS positional accuracy

The big one is MTSRN = Montana State Reference Network, more info at <https://msl.mt.gov/mtsrn>