

MEMO

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Jennifer Birnel, MMP Director
Subject: MMP Summer Teacher Workshop
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This past August, with American Rescue Plan Act funding for digital projects, the Montana Memory Project (MMP) invited teachers from across the state to participate in a summer workshop. Teachers applied to attend and, with help from the Montana Historical Society education outreach staff, were selected based on their application responses.

The workshop was designed to give teachers an opportunity to learn how to search and navigate the MMP website and to brainstorm ways to utilize the site in the classroom. Teachers were invited to create an exhibit using MMP content on a topic of their choosing to use with their students in the classroom. The workshop was two days and included time for research and to begin building exhibits with guidance from MMP staff.

Teachers had until the end of October to complete their projects and submit them for publication. Dave Colamaria took the initial submissions and created the exhibits in the Recollect exhibit builder. Twenty teachers were invited to participate and sixteen attended. Twelve of the attendees submitted exhibits and these are now all live on our website. Teachers who completed projects were paid a stipend for their time and work.

Craig Clairmont was one of our teachers and would like to share with you the value of the workshop for him and his students and to share an overview of the exhibit he created, [The Decline of the Bison Population and the Role of the Plains Chippewa in the 19th Century](#).

Other Teacher created exhibits

- [Fraternal Orders in Montana](#) by Carolyn Grimaldi
- [The Life and Mysterious Death of Thomas Meagher: Rebel, Fugitive, War Hero, Political Activist, and Territorial Governor](#) by Kristina Mathews
- [Arteries of Montana](#) History by Levi Cook
- [Construction of the Hungry Horse Dam](#) by Tawnie Tribby
- [Crossing the Missouri on the Fort Peck](#) Reservation by Cindy Morales
- [Early Schools in Montana](#) by Kimberly Winkowitsch
- [Fort Missoula Alien Detention Camp During World War II](#) by Deb Westrom
- [Missoula and the Railroad: A History in Photos](#) by Stacey Hergesheimer
- [Hell or High Water: Floods in Montana](#) by Laura Dukart
- [The Huntley Project](#) by Joni Carroll
- [Logging History in Montana](#) by Dave Pickering