

Entity Name	Geographic Range	Purpose	Major functions
Public libraries	local - city, county, portion of county	Provide library services to citizens in the area	Provide materials/resources for learning and recreation; provide programming for learning; provide physical spaces for community members to convene
Federations	Regional	Pool resources, provide efficient services, avoid duplication	Networking, continuing education, funding for library services
Montana Shared Catalog	Statewide	Provide access to integrated library system	Access to online catalog for Montanans; software and system support for library staff; access to mobile applications for Montanans to use to access library materials
Partners	Statewide	Increase access to materials for Montanans	Give participating library patrons access to more materials - using holds; move materials around state
Montana Library2Go	Statewide	Provide access to digital library materials	Provide downloadable e-audio/e-books and learning resources for Montanans with a library card at a participating library
Montana Memory Project	Statewide	Provide online access to Montana's history	Digitize and catalog collections of Montana history in order to provide online, searchable access to Montana's history
Montana Library Association	Statewide	Develop, promote, and improve library services	Provide annual conference for librarians and board members; work with legislature on library related legislation; provide continuing education opportunities; provide networking opportunities
Montana State Library	Statewide	Improve library services and provide access to information for Montanans and about Montana	Provides consulting, continuing education, and lifelong learning services; runs statewide cooperative efforts like the Montana Shared Catalog, Montana Library2Go; collects and disseminates government information; collects and disseminates natural resource information about Montana; provides funding for libraries to offer access to materials

Note: Not all libraries participate in the regional or statewide consortia