



Webisode Chat
with Jennie Stapp
August 11, 2023

Zooming like a pro!

Rename Yourself

- Open “Participants”
- Hover over your name
- Click “Rename”
 - Include your name and library

Chat

- Click the “Chat” icon to add your comments or questions.



Webside Chat

- MSL Updates
 - August Commission Meeting
 - Public libraries' governing structures
 - Federation study
 - Other Commission updates
 - Administrative Rules Changes
 - Network Advisory Council update
 - Data Coordinator updates
 - Broadband Funding
- Information and News Sources

Federation Study Recommendations

- Commission discussion and further action
 - Commission recognizes the importance of federation funds for libraries
 - Commission recognizes the value of support, training, and networking for trustees and librarians
 - Commission finds the structure of federations cumbersome
 - Commission directed staff to continue to study the structure of federations
 - During the December Commission meeting, staff will work with the Commission to create a new charge for the Federation Study Task Force.

1-Minute Balance Break



- ✓ Stretch
- ✓ Look Away from Your Screen
- ✓ Think About Any Questions You Have

Change in Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM)

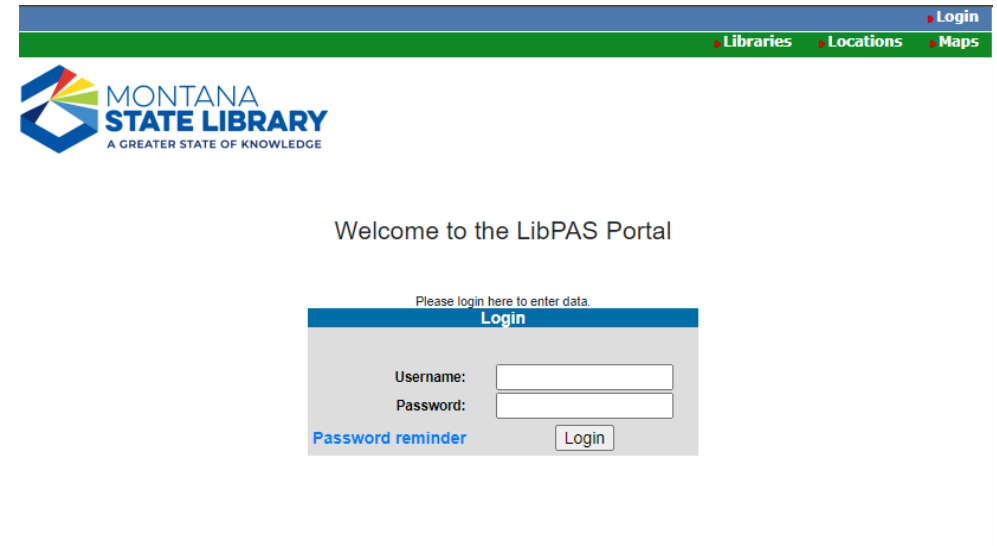
- **Public library standards** – degree requirement; budget growth requirement; define hardship; define deferral process;
- **State aid** – amend formula to include tribal college libraries
- **Timeline:**
 - July 2023
 - Task force sat and initial charge given
 - July through September
 - Research, discussion, recommendations review by library community
 - October 2023
 - Draft ARMs to Commission
 - November 2023
 - Public comment period, pending Commission action
 - December 2023
 - Commission adopts final ARMs

Updates from the Network Advisory Council

- NAC met on August 8 to create the FY24 Library Development plan
- **Key priorities**
 - Position libraries to take advantage of federal funds to improve/increase Internet access and speed
 - Assist libraries with building relationships with local governments
 - Improve, provide access and training on foundational library skills
 - Alter the Core Services Committee model to a conversation model where people are invited to share their ideas and thoughts about core library services

Data Coordinator updates

- Counting Opinions, LibPAS
- Training opportunities
 - August 31, MSL Learn webinar
 - September 19, Fall Workshops
 - Office hours in October and November
- Survey changes
 - COVID-19 questions removed
 - New data elements
 - Salaries
 - Buildings
 - Broadband



The screenshot shows the Montana State Library LibPAS Portal login interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a blue header and a green sub-header containing links for 'Libraries', 'Locations', and 'Maps'. The Montana State Library logo is on the left, and a 'Login' link is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the text 'Welcome to the LibPAS Portal' is displayed. A prompt 'Please login here to enter data.' is followed by a 'Login' button. The login form includes fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Login' button, and a 'Password reminder' link.

Broadband Funding

- There is a significant amount of federal funding available for community anchor institutions – which includes libraries.
- The State Library Commission approved funding to contract with a consultant to help libraries create digital equity plans.
- Watch for more information about this service - we hope to hire someone before the year ends.

2023 Fall Workshops: September 18-19

- Great Falls Holiday Inn
- Registration is open-seats are filling quickly!
- Room block closes August 18
- No registration cost
- Wide variety of sessions



Information and News Sources



- [MSL Website](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [MSL Help Desk](#)
- [WIRED List Serv](#)
- [ASPeN Events Calendar](#)
- [MSL Learn](#)
- [MSL YouTube Channel](#)
- [Email/call any MSL staff member](#)

Questions?



MSL Evaluation Survey



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Next Webside Chat
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