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**To:** 2023 Public Library Standards Task Force Members  
**From:** Tracy Cook, Lead Consulting Librarian and Cara Orban, Consortia Director  
**Subject:** Review of August decisions and public comment  
**Date:** September 14, 2023

The following actions were taken by the task force at its August 2023 meeting.

1. Create an administrative rule clarifying that state funding tied to the public library standards includes state aid per capita and federation funding.
2. Change the language of administrative rules that use the term “tribal library” to match language within the Montana Code Annotated. MCA uses “an accredited tribal college library that provides services to the public.” Update the title of state aid per capita to also match the code.
3. Change the language of the budget standard to “The library board and director identify the financial resources needed to provide library services according to the library’s mission and regularly communicate with community and local government leaders about financial needs and the motion passed unanimously.”
4. Recommend making no changes to the deferral section of the public library standards.

We have shared a summary of public comments on these items. After reviewing these comments staff have no changes and recommend no further action on these rules.