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Today's Agenda

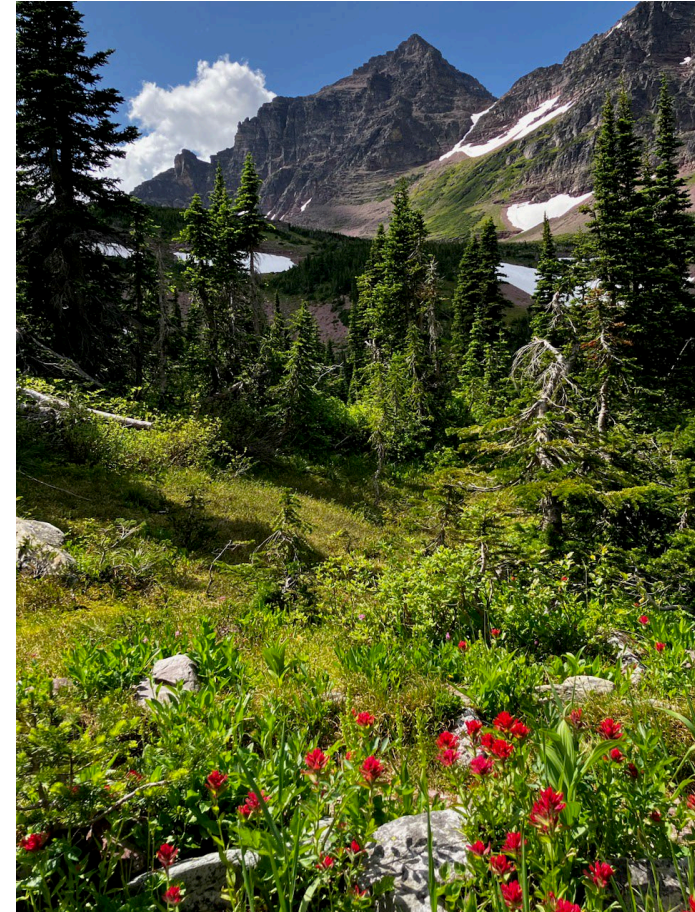
Independent library districts

Pros and cons of districts

Process for creating a district

What is a library district?

- An independent library district is a subdivision of a county. It's a legal structure and way to form a library and provide library services.
- It is created by an election process.
- Property within the district boundaries must have a taxable value of at least \$5 million.



How is it different from other library types?

- Library Districts
 - Laws governing districts located in Title 22, Chapter 1, Part 7
 - Board members are elected
 - Library district can own its own property
- Other library types
 - Laws governing these types of library are found in Title 22, Chapter 1, Part 3
 - Board members are appointed by City or County
 - Library property is owned in the name of the county or city

Library Districts

Why or why not?

Pros

- Dedicated funding source
- Less need to enter the politics of local government
- Autonomy



Cons

- Lot of work to set up a district
- Autonomy

How to form a library district?

- Research – review the district handbooks on the State Library's website
- Discuss – talk to stakeholders –library, local government, and community
- Legal process – follow the process outlined in MCA 22-1-702
- Next steps, if successful



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