



Webseite Chat
with Jennie Stapp
February 23, 2024

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Webside Chat

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February 16 Commission Work Session

- Learn more about all MSL current and future priorities:
- [2024, February 16: Montana State Library Commission WORK SESSION - YouTube](#)
- Cara and Amy's overview of [Resource Sharing](#)
- Need an illustration of what resource sharing means for you and your patrons see [5:56:44](#)

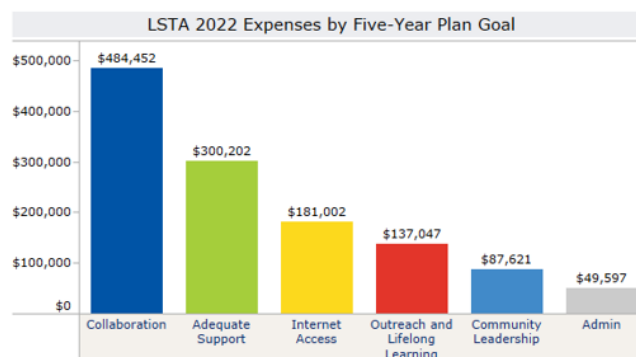
MSL Budget and the Executive Planning Process (EPP)

- The goal is to fund:
 - **22-1-328. Statewide interlibrary resource-sharing program.** The commission shall establish a statewide interlibrary resource-sharing program. The purpose of the program is to administer [funds appropriated by the legislature](#) to support and facilitate resource-sharing among libraries in Montana, including but not limited to public libraries, public library districts, libraries operated by public schools or school districts, libraries operated by public colleges or universities, tribal libraries, libraries operated by public agencies for institutionalized persons, and libraries operated by nonprofit, private medical, educational, or research institutions.
- March 11
 - Network Advisory Council Meeting
- March 22
 - Learning about Libraries and the Montana Legislature
- April 17
 - Commission prioritizes budget requests
- April 18
 - Resource Sharing in Montana: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (MLA session)
- June 6
 - Budget priorities due to the Governor

LSTA Dashboard



Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Montana 2022 Grants to States Report



Allowed administrative costs 4%.

What is LSTA Grants to States?

The Libraries Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States Program is the largest grant program run by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It provides funds to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) using a population-based formula set by federal law. SLAAs determine goals and objectives for the funds in their statutorily required five-year plan. Each SLAA must also conduct a five-year evaluation of library services based on that plan. You can read the full text of Montana's five-year evaluation on the state profile page:

<https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-state/state-profiles/montana>

All recipients of Grants to States funds are required to report annually on the use of their grant award. Montana certified and submitted its LSTA 2022 State Program Report in December 2023. Additional financial and program data:

<https://bit.ly/mslquarterlyfinancials>

<https://bit.ly/msl-dashboards>

LSTA 2022 Total Award

\$1,239,920

Montana expended its LSTA 2022 award between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

How is library service in your community better because of the investment of LSTA funds?

"Being part of the Montana Shared Catalog is huge. It makes my library contents and that of all other Montana libraries at the tip of patrons fingers ready to use with a simple request...As a small rural library, the ability to be part of a consortium increases my buying power and the Montana State Library bargaining on my library's behalf is the most fiscally responsible way to get the biggest return for every dollar spent. I personally as a taxpayer appreciate all the State library does to stretch our funding."

- Montana library director, LSTA Five-Year Evaluation, 2018-2022

LSTA Award Five-Year Comparison



2020 included \$97K in CARES Act funds. 2021 included \$2.24M in ARPA funds.

30-second Balance Break



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

Federation Meetings

- During spring meetings, MSL staff will be following through on task force recommendations by facilitating discussions with the desire to
 - Make federation meetings more valuable for everyone (board members and library directors)
 - Identify the role of board members
 - Identify the role of the coordinator versus the board chair

Upcoming Webinars and Events

- February 27
 - Searching Montana Collections in the Internet Archive
- March 1
 - Let's Talk About It! Library Safety and Security
- March 5
 - Montana Census Data Demonstration and Tour
- March 11
 - Network Advisory Council Meeting
- March 12
 - Partners: Sharing Groups, Collections, Processes, Possibilities
- March 19
 - OCLC: How to update your library's information in WorldCat
- March 22
 - Learning about Libraries and the Montana Legislature
- Visit the ASPeN Event Calendar for Meeting Links and Information



Upcoming Webinars and Events

- April 9
 - Montana’s Water Information Resources
- April 17-20
 - Montana Library Association Annual Conference
- April 23
 - Submitting information to the Montana Natural Heritage Program using iNaturalist
- Visit the ASPeN Event Calendar for More!
 - Coming in May
 - New Webinar Series: Connecting with Local Government Officials
 - Trustee Workshops with the MSU Local Government Center in Billings and Havre



Information and News Sources



- [MSL Website](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [MSL Help Desk](#)
- [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
Friday, March 15, 2024

