

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ALL MONTANANS

Montanans want convenient access to content, services, and information to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals. All Montanans deserve fair access to the same level of high-quality library services, regardless of where they live in the state or the size of their library budgets. With adequate funding, the libraries of Montana can meet these needs.

Meeting this demand was also the intent of the Legislature when they revised 22-1-328 in 2009. This statute states:

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.

No such appropriation exists, creating an unfunded mandate for the State Library. To ensure that all libraries across Montana are able to serve their communities regardless of their community's size or location, they need a funded interlibrary resource-sharing program.

INTERLIBRARY RESOURCES A COHESIVE SYSTEM

Online resources, statewide catalog software, and courier delivery service work together as a cohesive resource-sharing system to connect Montanans with the information they need, no matter their community's size or location.

Online subscription learning resources at discounted **group rates** that increase affordability and efficiency while ensuring all Montana communities have access to the very best

A standardized statewide network to efficiently share physical items, making it easy for patrons to get what they want, and freeing up local library resources to focus on serving unique community needs

Downloadable and streaming e-books and audiobooks via MontanaLibrary2Go

Content that serves the needs of the local community such as genealogy and local history resources and local newspapers

Books and learning resources aligned with state educational standards to help Montana's students achieve higher literacy rates

Resources to support Montana's homeschooling students and educators

Easy access to share and discover Montana's rich history through online historical collections, educational lessons, and interactive, visitor-friendly applications

Scholarly resources to help Montana's higher education students prepare for their futures

Locally owned newspapers to share relevant information by Montanans, for Montanans

Professional and vocational education resources to support a thriving Montana workforce and help Montanans meet their personal career goals

Farm implement and mechanical repair manuals to ensure Montanans' right to repair

The Montana State Library can help our communities meet these needs for the annual price of less than \$10 per Montanan.

A STRONGER LIBRARY FOR ALL MONTANANS

Resource Sharing Request, House Bill 2, State Budget Bill

Resource Sharing Program	Amount Needed for Sufficient Statewide Access
E-Resources	\$4,400,000
Montana History Portal	\$150,000
Montana K-12 OverDrive	\$100,000
Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)	\$800,000
MontanaLibrary2Go	\$700,000
MSC Partners shared collections	\$300,000
OCLC Group Services	\$450,000
Resource Sharing staff support	\$200,000
State agencies digital collections	\$100,000
Statewide courier service	\$1,000,000
Treasure State Academic Information & Library Services (TRAILS) consortium	\$2,400,000
Total	\$10,600,000

SUPPORTING AN EQUAL LIBRARY BASE

Current and expansion funds for shared library resources

Resource Sharing Program	Number of Libraries	MSL Current Annual	Libraries Current Annual	Total Current Annual	Expansion Funds	Total Request
E-Resources	746	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,400,000	\$4,400,000
Montana History Portal	43	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$144,000	\$150,000
Montana K-12 OverDrive	136	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$100,000
Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)	111	\$100,000	\$488,878	\$588,878	\$211,122	\$800,000
MontanaLibrary2Go	93	\$20,000	\$325,604	\$345,604	\$354,396	\$700,000
MSC Partners shared collections	40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
OCLC Group Services	274	\$166,096	\$283,904	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000
Resource Sharing staff support		\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$200,000
State agencies digital collections	1	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Statewide courier service	20	\$65,000	\$74,000	\$139,000	\$861,000	\$1,000,000
Treasure State Academic Information & Library Services (TRAILS) consortium	24	\$0	\$638,000	\$638,000	\$1,762,000	\$2,400,000
Total		\$497,096	\$1,840,386	\$2,337,482	\$8,262,518	\$10,600,000

LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR ALL MONTANANS

Request descriptions for shared library resources

Resource Sharing Program	Program Description
E-Resources	There are 600 school libraries, 82 public libraries, 57 special (medical, law, museum, research) libraries, and 7 tribal libraries in Montana. This investment would provide an average of \$5,898 per library annually to subscribe to the online information and research resources of interest to these communities' users. Areas of support may include summer reading, additional eBook services, genealogy, local newspapers and other local media, self-paced learning modules, professional development courses, homeschooling resources, movie licensing for public programming, vocational education resources, and online repair manuals such as Chilton and Small Engine Repair.
Montana History Portal	Funding would support additional grants to Montana institutions to further document Montana heritage along with the 1 FTE to process the new digital content. Current contributors include 43 libraries and 53 museums, archives, non-profits, and government agencies.
Montana K-12 OverDrive	This funding would triple the size of the Montana Schools OverDrive shared collection and allow for statewide access to this collection, supporting the educational standards and reading level proficiency standards of Montana schools.
Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)	The increase would allow for the expansion of the MSC to all public libraries as well as school libraries that may be interested in joining the MSC. The MSC provides essential software and technical support for management of library circulation and inventory.
MontanaLibrary2Go	This proposal will double the budget for the shared statewide digital collection, helping reduce patrons' average wait times for eBooks from 49 days to 25 days.
MSC Partners shared collections	This proposal funds a new program to purchase shared physical library content to be shared among the statewide Partners sharing group. Like shared purchase of eBooks, the purchase of popular physical books is far more cost effective than each library duplicating the purchase of the same titles.
OCLC Group Services	The total amount would cover the cost of OCLC Group Services at its current contract value. This service provides essential cataloging tools so that libraries can organize their materials for patron discovery and use.
Resource Sharing staff support	The addition and expansion of MSL resource sharing programs would require additional staff hours (2 FTE) to adequately support end users.
State agencies digital collections	The proposal increases the amount available for research databases, journals, professional eBooks, and subscriptions for state employee research that supports government services. This collection is administered by the MSL Digital Library on behalf of all State agencies.
Statewide courier service	The current courier service provides 194 stops per month to 20 libraries which serve as a hub for other regional libraries. Those regional libraries currently rely on volunteers to relay items to and from the hub libraries. The requested budget would expand access statewide so that all public libraries in Montana have the physical delivery infrastructure necessary for their public libraries to participate in MSC sharing groups and yield the greatest return on investment in MSC membership.
Treasure State Academic Information & Library Services (TRAILS) consortium	The TRAILS academic library consortium negotiates discounted subscriptions to research databases and professional resources and journals on behalf of Montana's academic institutions statewide. Public and school libraries are also eligible to participate in selected group subscriptions negotiated by TRAILS, such as the HeritageQuest genealogy database. This funding would increase access to scholarly and professional resources as well as to Montana newspapers and databases of interest to public library users.