



## **Conversations with the Commission**

Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 9:45 a.m.

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn | Hyalite Meeting Room

1325 North 7th Ave

Bozeman, MT 59715

(Open to registered attendees of the Conference, no business will be conducted)

### **Discussion outline:**

Commission introductions

Do attendees have any questions or comments you want to talk about?

Questions to ask the librarians and board members

1. What is going well in your library? What are some successes?
2. The Commission is reconsidering the Excellent Library Services Award (ELSA). What would make the award more meaningful? What ideas or thoughts do you have about the award?
3. The Commission is reviewing the continuing education and certification program. What questions or comments do you have about this program? How well is the current program serving your needs? How might the State Library improve the program?
4. What library services are most important to your community? Why?
5. The Commission is reviewing training and certification for Trustees? How well does the certification program meet the needs of Trustees? What additional training might benefit trustees? Are there additional ways the State Library might consider supporting and engaging trustees?
6. Any additional questions from the attendees.

Possible additional questions if time allows

1. What does your community want from the library that you are unable to provide? What are the barriers? Why aren't you able to provide the service?
2. How can we make libraries more welcoming and safer? (