

Webisode Chat with Jennie Stapp



Webinar Recording

- Recorded on June 20, 2025
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Agenda

MSL Updates

- IMLS Update
 - State Libraries received their federal FY25 Grants to States Awards
 - The Government Accounting Office determined that IMLS must award funds appropriated by Congress
 - Most IMLS staff are back after a court ruled against DOGE actions
 - Congress will consider the future of IMLS
- Commission updates
 - Robyn Scribner continues as Chair
 - Tammy Hall and Brian Rossman reappointed
 - Federation plans of service
 - Continued learning about CE
 - Revised trustee manual
 - ELSA subcommittee update
 - Discussion about open library hours standard
 - Federal funding update
- SB542 Update
 - This bill revises property tax laws. It will change the tax rate for different classes of property, and it will be phased in over several years.
 - The key thing to know...if your library has a dedicated, voted levy that uses mill amounts rather than exact dollar amounts, you will need to decide to do one of the following:
 - elect to transition a voted mill levy to a dollar-based mill levy equal to the amount of property taxes assessed in fiscal year 2025 and thereafter subject to the provisions of 15-10-420(1)(a); or
 - levy the number of mills in fiscal year 2026 that will generate the amount of property taxes assessed in fiscal year 2025. In fiscal years after 2026, the local government shall levy the number of mills levied in fiscal year 2026.

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- Beanstack!
 - With funding help from DPHHS we are happy to provide public and tribal libraries with three years of [Beanstack](#)!
 - Beanstack is a mobile app and online reading tracker patrons can use for summer reading tracking, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, reading contests and other events.
 - The training is worth 1 CE credit in Technology and covers the reader experience, common staff actions, and how to pull Beanstack data for your library system. It will be recorded. Montana libraries will be live on the web and the Beanstack mobile app on June 30th.

Reminders

- Summer Reading Program Micro-grants
 - Apply by June 30
- Public Library Standards
 - Due July 25
- Federation Grant Report
 - Due August 15

Links from Chat

- [Beanstack](#)
 - [Training on the 23rd](#)
 - [Training on the 24th](#)
 - Contact Bobbi: bdemontigny@mt.gov
- [MSL Commission Meeting Event for June 13](#)
- [Wednesday, August 13 - MSL Commission Meeting](#)

Next Webside Chat

- [August 15, 2025 @ Noon](#)