

Webside Chat with Jennie Stapp

Webinar Recording

- Recorded on October 10, 2025
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October Website Chat Highlights

Commission Meeting Recap

- Held in Belgrade; thanks to the Belgrade Community Library team.
- Focus on **trustee engagement**: \$4,000 per federation to support training and participation.
- Creative uses of funds include retreats, remote training tech, and regional meetings.



AI in Libraries

- Taylor Moorman (MSU) presented on AI literacy.
- Staff exploring AI training for librarians and Commission use.



MLA Partnership Audit

- Reviewed benefits of working with the Montana Library Association.
- Upcoming discussions on **library neutrality** and **equity vs. equality**.



Administrative Rules Update

- Public comment open until **Nov. 7**; hearings on **Nov. 3**.
- Proposed changes to **open hours** and **certification program**.
- Certification may shift to a single-track model with new credit requirements.



Federal Funding

- Federal shutdown unlikely to impact operations in the short term.
- IMLS funding expected to remain level; tribal college grants restored.



Baker & Taylor Closure

- Company to close in Jan. 2026.
- Libraries encouraged to explore alternatives like Ingram.



Public Libraries Survey

- Due **Nov. 28**. Dashboard available to track progress.



Upcoming:

- **Dec. 10**: Commission meeting (rule decisions + Montana 250th update).

Next Webside Chat

- November 14, 2025