

## **MontanaLibrary2Go Membership Meeting – FY2027**

**Date:** 03/04/2026

**Time:** 2:00pm-3:52pm

**Location:** Virtual Zoom

### **Facilitators:**

- Savanna Sill, Montana State Library
- Guil Poelsma, Montana State Library

### **Selection Committee Members:**

- Susie McIntyre, Great Falls College MSU
- Katie Biehl, Bozeman Public Library
- Nathan Sonnenschein, MSU Billings
- Elizabeth Karr, Lewis and Clark Library
- Abigail Dooley, North Lake County Public Library
- Holly Fladager, Sheridan County Library
- Megan Thomas, Billings Public Library
- Tristan Kanode, Butte-Silver Bow Public Library
- Janet Livingston, Roosevelt County Library

**Membership Members:** Montana Libraries that use MontanaLibrary2Go

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Savanna Sill.

### **2. Attendance**

Member libraries represented via chat. 46 Libraries present.

### **3. FY2027 Budget**

Usage statistics presented (last year and over 5 year period); Susie added selection context. The group discussed the audiobook/ebook balance, noting metered-access titles require repurchase.

#### **Motion 1**

- Allocate 40% of the budget to holds (high-demand titles) and have a 65% audiobooks and 35% ebooks split for new content.
- Moved by Susie McIntyre; seconded by Slaven.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Cost-Share Formula**

Savanna reported that the Cost-Share Formula framework remains unchanged for this coming fiscal year. Savanna mentioned they are working on a potential new cost share formula with details still being refined. An initial motion to increase the cost to 10% prompted discussion, with several libraries indicating that 10% was not feasible and suggesting differential contributions and possible donations as options.

After additional explanation of the Advantage Program, the motion was revised. (Details of the Advantage Program provided at the end of meeting notes- for future use)

#### **Revised Motion**

- Set the cost-share increase at 6%.
- Moved by Denise Ard; seconded by Austin Castle.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Collection Management Policy**

Savanna presented minor updates to the Collection Management Policy to correct minor grammatical errors, copy/paste errors, and clarify wording to reflect practice.

- Motion to approve the updated policy.
- Moved by Nathan Sonnenschein; seconded by Carmen Clark.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Local Content Features and Policies**

The group discussed Local Content Features, including logistics required on the library staff side, but also Overdrive side. Details on features would need to be further researched.

#### **Motion**

- Establish an ad hoc Local Content Committee to explore options and report back.
- Suggested members: Nathan Sonnenschein, Denise Ard, Susie McIntyre, Jodie Moore, and potentially Paulette Parpart (Missoula).
- Moved by Jodie Moore; seconded by Susie McIntyre.
- Motion passed.

## **7. Digital Reconsideration Form**

Savanna reviewed the Digital Reconsideration Form, noting no content, policy, or procedure changes—only conversion to a fillable digital format. The form will be posted on the MontanaLibrary2Go website and linked from the Collection Development Policy. Members were encouraged to file or link it in their internal documentation.

## **8. Recognition**

Members expressed appreciation in chat for the Selection Committee and staff for their work on collection development and logistics.

## **9. Questions and General Discussion**

Members discussed licensing models and variance amongst titles, costs for platforms like Hoopla, interest in Advantage Plus, the Interim Study, and ensuring the Cost-Share Formula discussion was fully addressed.

## **10. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn.
- Moved by Susie McIntyre; seconded by Carmen Clark.
- Motion approved; the meeting adjourned at 3:52PM

### **Detailed Information:**

Savanna reviewed both programs, noting the consortium approved Advantage participation in 2023.

#### **Advantage Program: Current**

- \$250 initial fee (becomes content credit)
- Libraries set own budgets (\$5 to \$50,000+). This allows flexibility each year for what libraries can contribute additionally to MontanaLibrary2Go.
- Titles are available only to patrons of the purchasing library
- Must purchase titles already in consortium collection. Great for popular titles and high-holds titles, but also could be used for book clubs or titles more popular at your local library.
- Currently 6 libraries actively/regularly participate and contribute to Advantage Programs.

#### **Advantage Plus Program: Pilot Program**

Savanna and Guil will pilot Advantage Plus with a small group of libraries representing varied sizes, regions, and needs. The program lets a library invest additional funds in

MontanaLibrary2Go while giving its own patrons priority access to the titles it buys. If those titles are not in use locally, other consortium patrons can borrow them.

**Key Features:**

- Purchasing library patrons maintain priority access
- Can filter by lending model type or time period.
- The Pilot Program will have libraries testing different filters/parameters to help us identify best options for future use by Montana Libraries.
- Titles available to consortium when not actively used by purchasing library

Pilot will run through next fiscal year with findings reported back to membership.

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