

Policy

1. Lawful and Fair: Policy Development for Public Libraries
2. Policy Development 101

Lawful and Fair: Policy Development for Public Libraries

Course Description

This course will provide an overview for policy development processes and resources. Policies that are consistent with laws and fair for library staff and patrons help libraries in their mission to provide information and safe spaces for their communities. Course content is based on the MSL Policy Development Handbook and content from a webinar series with legal expert Kris Goss.

Topic

Policy: Assist the board with policy development and adoption

Presenter Name

Kris Goss

Presenter Credentials

Kris Goss is the Director of Library Learning Hub at Helena College - University of Montana. Kris also serves as an attorney and currently works with the firm of Jackson, Murdo, & Grant, P.C. in Helena. Kris previously worked with the Montana School Boards Association and served as a law clerk in the chambers of the Honorable Sam E. Haddon in the United States District Court for the District of Montana. Prior to law school, Kris worked as the Governor's K-12 Education Policy Advisor and Deputy Communications Director in the administration of Governor Judy Martz. Kris earned a law degree from the University of Montana School of Law, a Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin, and a Bachelor of Arts from Carroll College. He serves on the Montana State Library Commission.

Presenter Association

Helena College

Cost

None

Course Catalog

Proposal for MSL Commission Approval



Policy Development 101

Course Description

Policies are guiding documents that attempt to balance the resources of the library with the demands of library users. They give staff guidance on how to respond to common challenges that arise in providing library services. In this session board members and the director will explore policies, policy development, and how to craft effective policies. This session is available in person or virtually. Please contact Tracy Cook (TCook2@mt.gov), Cara Orban (corban@mt.gov), or Corey Sloan (cosloan@mt.gov) to schedule.

Topic

Policy: Assist the board with policy development and adoption

Presenter Name

Tracy Cook, Cara Orban, or Corey Sloan

Presenter Credentials

Tracy, Cara, and Corey provide assistance, training, and support to public and tribal college libraries in Montana.

Presenter Association

Montana State Library

Cost

None