

Montana Shared Catalog 2026 Spring Membership Meeting

Friday, May 8, 2026, 1:00-3:00 pm

Online only via Zoom

Roll Call: Billings Public Library, Billings Public School Libraries, Boulder Community Library, Bozeman Public Library, Bridger Public Library, Carnegie Public Library, Chouteau County Library, Clinton School, Conrad Public Library, Darby Community Public Library, Drummond School Community Library, Glacier County Public Library, Great Falls Public Library, Harlowton Public Library, Hearst Free Public Library, Hellgate Elementary School, Joliet Public Library, Logan Health Medical Library, Laurel Public Library, Lincoln County Library, Meagher County/City Library, Miles City Public Library, Missoula County Public Schools, Missoula Public Library, Montana Department of Transportation Library, Montana Historical Society Research Center, Montana State Genealogical Society Library, Montana State Library, North Jefferson County District Library, North Lake County Public Library, North Valley Public Library, Petroleum County School-Community Library, Prairie County Library, Red Lodge Carnegie Library, Sheridan County Library, Sidney-Richland County Library, Stillwater County Public Library, Three Forks Public Library, Valier Public Library, Whitefish Community Library, Wibaux Public Library, West Yellowstone Public Library

Minute Taker - Deb Westrom

Montana Shared Catalog Staff Introductions

- Amy Marchwick - Lead System Administrator
- Mel Carrol - System Administrator
- Laura Tretter - System Administrator
- Keiley McGregor - System Administrator

Approve Fall 2025 minutes

- Motion made by Elizabeth Jonkel; 2nd - Jennifer Ball; motion passed with no discussion

Budget & Cost Share

- Can ignore the 4% column as the Federal Funding was able to support this
- 1% increase to all libraries
- Payment is for Fiscal year 2026-27 which is July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027
- Question - did anything happen with the user-based formula investigation from 2024?
 - Still working on it
 - Not a finalized version
 - Hit a roadblock with all the possible Federal funding changes

- Will need time to implement as there will be lots of movement both up and down - will be done in phases
- Is the NAC (Network Advisory Council) working on this? The NAC was retired as a committee in 2024
- There is explanation in the meeting notes regarding the explanation of the expenditures
- Invoice will be sent mid-June - open a help ticket if need sooner
- Motion to improve the 1% for the budget/cost share for fiscal year 2026-2027 - motion made by Hether from Sidney/Richland; 2nd by Carley from Clancy; motion passed

MSC Announcements

Administrative

- Hired a trainer – Lora Poser-Brown - will start in June
- MSL - revamping contract for Overdrive, Montana2Go, MSC, and other MSL programs
 - Sean Anderson spearheading this
 - Will make 1 contract to sign with State Library and appendices for extra programs
 - Info about security & privacy
 - Not sure about timelines
 - Question about Sora - MSL does not administer this so, probably not part of this reorganization
- Knowledge Base - accessibility links
 - Sometimes link go to old versions - there is a prompt to go to newer version - happens with links to other articles within articles - version specific
 - Recordings of meetings and trainings are on MSL YouTube and can browse
 - Reminder there is an [MSC Newsletter Archive](#) article
- Newsletters
 - On the main [MSC webpage](#) go to Montana Shared Catalog News > MSC Newsletter Archive link to current and past years
 - Newsletters come out about every 2 weeks
 - More than one person within a library should subscribe
 - Check that the MSL helpdesk and MSL newsletter addresses and domains are whitelisted so that ticket responses and announcements don't go to spam:
 - mslservicedesk@service.mt.gov
 - @service.mt.gov (domain)
 - msl@announcements.mt.gov
- Web services upgrade
 - Existing SIP will be upgrades; not losing the SIP2 licenses
 - Open help ticket to let know about vendors who might be impacted
 - Survey sent regarding this
 - Overdrive SIP upgrade will happen in Aug 2026
 - Don't need to fill out the survey if only have Overdrive

- 4.2 Symphony upgrade is on the test server and will happen in the fall

Circulation

- Item Life Cycle
 - Lots of changes
 - Look at MSL YouTube & MSL Learn
 - [Missing and Lost book category](#) in Knowledge Base
- Circulation types (formerly Item Type) moving to all libraries by fall of 2027
 - Work through it together
 - POLL - comfort level in changes in Functional Circ types
- New Automated Monthly Process
 - Missing greater than 3 years - move to missing for 3 years - move to discard for month - deleted
 - Start the end of May
 - This is different than if it is marked missing - like if for storytime, damaged, processing, repair, etc.
 - School year end processes happening - notices/inventory/due dates; automatic school grade rollups happening

Cataloging

- Bibliographic Maintenance Projects
 - OCLC streamlined holding Update Project - free service from OCLC - done 2 times a year - closely review output of sync process to OCLC holdings for member libraries and to improve bib records
 - SirsiDynix Bibliographic Analysis - Annual service providing a profile of bib records with indicators of quality; use report for manual cleanup
 - SirsiDynix Authority Update Service - quarterly update of Library of Congress subject and name authority records.
 - SirsiDynix Bibliographic Heading Flip – Annual supplement to Authority Update Service - deeper level, corrects punctuation and other specific inconsistencies
 - Working on a new KB article outlining these recurring services and projects
- Call Number Analytic Review
 - Went over the presentation from Melody last year
 - We see and hear confusion about records with multiple volumes (Guinness World Record, manga, encyclopedias, tv series, etc.). Bottom line is these items need a separate record with no call number analytic
 - TV DVDs series do need a call number analytic for the discs
 - SEE KB ARTICLE – [Cataloging Serials, Series, Multi-Part Works & Applying Analytics](#) or open a help ticket

- Cataloging a Library of Things - non-traditional items - tables, baking pans, fishing poles, radon detectors, etc.
 - KB article for [SpectrUM telescope](#). Use Item Cat 1 LOT
 - When deciding if want a generic shared bib record or a specific detailed bib records for you LOT materials consider what do you need and what do your patrons need to discover and select the items. Different materials will need different approaches
 - Want to avoid duplicate bib records when they are generic or minimal
- POLL - Item Cat 2 - audience level for patrons
 - Early Vs Easy - 50%
 - Category between Juvenile and YA (Middle Grades) - 50%
 - No definite standard

OPAC & apps

- Transitioning to new BC Mobile App
 - Planning to move by the end of 2026
 - Linked accounts not yet a feature, but may be by the time we transition
 - Should automatically shift so patrons do not have to uninstall old and install new
 - Not sure about customization
 - No promo materials
- WCAG compliance
 - Federal compliance deadlines moved to April 2027 & April 2028
 - Installing Enterprise patch on 5/18 so the online patron catalog meets standards
- SirsiDynix working on replacement for Enterprise called Discovery
 - Not consortia ready
 - MSC admins are closely following development
- Audio device display in Enterprise
 - Variable format displays that come from the bib record
 - Lots of inconsistencies in bib records in OCLC
 - Have updated the display for playaways. Looking at how to best update bib records already in the system. Catalogers would need to update bib records coming into the system
- POLL - Shadowing MISSING and REPAIR in Enterprise
 - Missing yes 75% no 25%
 - Repair Yes 54% no 46%

BCA

- Transitioning to private server May 18th - live May 26th
- New URL around Memorial Day

- BCA projects scheduled for over the summer
- BCA will still be accessible from May 18th-26th - no new reports made
- Open a help ticket if want to move from WorkFlows reports to BCA

Adjourned 2:54pm