

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Cara Orban, Statewide Projects Librarian

Date: March 10, 2015

Re: Statewide Projects Update

### ***ALA Annual Conference***

Four Montana librarians from public libraries have been awarded scholarships of up to \$2,000, funded through FY14 LSTA, to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, California in June.

The recipients are:

- Carmen Clark, Reference Librarian, Bozeman Public Library
- Laura Cote, Library Assistant, Missoula Public Library
- Adam Kish, Library Director, Twin Bridges Community Library
- Marian Mays, Programming Librarian, Butte-Silver Bow Public Library

Attendees will share what they learn from their experiences in an online presentation following the conference.

### ***Courier***

MSL initiated a two year contract with Critelli Couriers as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. FY14 LSTA funds are being used to offset the cost of courier stops by two dollars per stop for most participating libraries (reducing the cost from \$25 to \$23). Service to Great Falls Public Library, a critical hub for extending service to the Hi Line and Central Montana, is also being subsidized for calendar 2015.

Critelli will take up to five crates full of materials for each stop. Additional crates would incur a service charge of \$5 per crate. A detailed map of courier destinations and other information about the service is available on the Statewide Library Resources website. Libraries interested in participating are encouraged to contact the Statewide Projects Librarian to discuss options.

### ***MontanaLibrary2Go***

The Statewide Projects Librarian led an online training session on OverDrive's admin portal, Marketplace, to demonstrate how to run reports, troubleshoot or report technical problems, and make use of vendor-provided marketing materials. Five staff from public and tribal libraries attended.

### ***Montana Makers***

Montana Makers kits changed hands again in February after spending the fall at public libraries in Butte, Cut Bank, Drummond, Glendive, and Kalispell. The February cohort includes, for the first time, school libraries: Cayuse Prairie School in Kalispell and Lewis & Clark Middle School and Lockwood Intermediate School in Billings, as well as Hobson Community Library, Lewis & Clark Library, and Missoula Public Library. Two orientation training sessions were held online for these libraries in January. Evaluation surveys are being collected from the fall cohort.

The Statewide Projects Librarian conducted outreach for this project in January through outreach conducted at an Office of Public Instruction training at the Capitol complex and through one online introductory session for an audience of 24 public, school, and state library staff from Montana as well as from Georgia, Iowa, Colorado, Vermont, and Virginia. In February, Montana Makers featured in two presentations at the Montana Library Association Offline conference in Billings, February 6 and 7. Attendees from five libraries followed up after Offline to request a kit later in the spring and summer.

The Statewide Projects Librarian met with the MSL Marketing Coordinator to develop plans for designing a logo for Montana Makers which could be applied to the kits themselves and to the Statewide Library Resources: LSTA Pilots website. The Marketing Coordinator will also develop a press release and social media posts for hosting libraries to use.