

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSCA and LSTA Project Updates
Date: October 5, 1999

LSCA FY 97 Title II

Dillon City Library: The project is completed and the open house is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Some minor work needs to be completed and there are still some problems to be resolved with the heating and lighting, but these are all being addressed. The final grant payment will be made very soon.

LSTA FY 98

Internet Connectivity Project (ICP) Phase I: All 23 Phase I projects are completed and all grant funds have been issued. Total LSTA expenditure for Phase I = \$52,183.80.

Internet Connectivity Project (ICP) Phase II: All Phase II projects are completed and grant funds have been issued for five of the six projects. The upgrade in Livingston has faced continued delays and technical challenges, but all grant funds have been committed and will be used for the project. Total LSTA expenditure for Phase II = \$39,681.

MSL Fall Workshop: The workshop was held in Lewistown on September 24th and 25th. Registrations were received from 113 librarians or trustees, and only five registrants did not attend. Session topics included LaserCat, using the statewide electronic magazine database, interlibrary loan, planning, reference skills, and information resource management. Evaluation forms completed by attendees consistently rated the training very high. Participants also enjoyed the walking tour of Lewistown led by the local historical association and the dinner at the country club.

The breakdown of workshop participants by type of library is given below (several libraries had more than one staff member attending):

Public libraries = 68
School libraries = 23
Combined public/school libraries = 4

Special libraries = 4
Academic libraries = 9

All of the bills for the workshop have not yet been received, but the estimated total cost, including expenses of MSL staff, is \$5,700.

LSTA FY 99

Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County: Bob Cooper continues to meet with the LIP Advisory Committee. The group is currently gathering information and cost estimates for the following activities:

- a. Purchase of computers for the libraries in Ennis, Sheridan, and Twin Bridges that would be used for public Internet and electronic database access.
- b. Expansion of the seven remote access sites already established in the county by purchasing bookracks and book carts to store and display additional library materials. These remote sites include post office, school and commercial buildings in Pony, Norris, McAllister, Cameron, Silver Star, Harrison, and Alder. The Advisory Committee is also considering setting up two additional remote access sites in the county.
- c. Negotiation with the Harrison School District to use the school library for public library services to residents of Harrison and Pony. The countywide survey conducted during the summer indicated that this area was in special need of expanded library service. The Advisory Committee is considering recommending that LSTA grant funds be used to pay for an additional telephone line to be installed for the school building. This line would provide Internet and electronic database access for public library patrons.

Recent LIP grant expenditures include \$425 used to purchase the electronic magazine database for the four libraries in the county. That brings the total grant expenditure to date to \$1,730.71.