

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date: January 31, 2001

Grant Awards:

FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975
FY 01 Grant Award = \$753,176

Projects:

Montana Library Network	FY 00 = \$142,949 & FY 01 = \$92,292
Montana Library Services Advisory Council	FY 01 = \$4,500
Montana State Library Operations	FY 00 = \$350,884 & FY 01 = \$350,884
Networking Task Force	FY 01 = \$8,500
Statewide Technology Librarians	FY 00 = \$97,500

Listed below are other FY 00 and FY 01 LSTA projects and the current status of these projects:

Library Improvement Project for Lake County: The Interim County Library Board continues to meet. The Board made a recommendation to the Lake County Commission that two new members be added to the Interim Board: one representing Salish Kootenai College and one representing the Charlo school district. The library survey prepared by the Board is being mailed out to county residents with January power bills. The results of the survey will be available sometime in February. Bob Cooper continues to work closely with the Board.

[FY 00 = \$50,000; FY 01 = \$50,000 (tentative)]

LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation: The RFP for hiring an evaluator was completed and four proposals were received from vendors. Copies of the RFP and proposals were sent to the seven current members of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council. Council members will be reviewing the proposals and completing a contract with the successful vendor. A telephone conference will be held in early February for the Council to select a vendor to do the evaluation.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$35,000]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project – Round #1: These projects are progressing. The only grant recipient that has expended grant funds to date is the Yellowstone Art Museum. The Museum has sent a letter to MSL stating that though the lead staff member has resigned, the administration continues to support the project and is committed to its completion. A new registrar has been hired.

[FY 00 LSTA = \$18,220.66; expended to date = \$2,602.96]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project – Round #2: The timeline for the second round of MRP grants has been approved by the Networking Task Force. For these projects, assistance will be provided to all libraries interested in applying through consultation with MLN staff, a special pre-application workshop in March, and a demonstration of the first round MRP projects at MLA. Four new projects will be funded in the second MRP at a maximum of \$5,000 each. Application materials will be available in February and the deadline for applying is May 15th.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$20,000]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line: All libraries in this project now have a direct connection to the Internet. Bonnie Williamson is currently ordering records and smart barcodes from OCLC/WLN. Once those records are received, barcoding of materials can begin at the libraries. Patron cards will be ordered soon and then the patron databases can be built at each location. Training has been scheduled with Epixtech for the week of March 19-23. John Finn will continue to work as coordinator for the project.

[FY 99 = \$33,525 & FY 00 LSTA = \$35,421; total expended to date = \$39,623.53]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for Tamarack/Broad Valleys Federations: Preparation for the second shared catalog project continues. Current plans include increasing the capabilities of the servers at the Lewis and Clark Public Library and Bozeman Public Library. Jefferson County libraries will share the Lewis and Clark online catalog as a client library, and the Three Forks Community Library will share the Bozeman online catalog as a client library. Another shared catalog is being planned for Missoula Public Library, MSL, and other agency, academic, school, and public libraries.

[FY 00 = \$30,000 & FY 01 = \$160,000]

Summer Institute 2001: Planning continues for the Summer Institute to be held on the campus of Montana Tech in Butte during the week of June 10-15, 2001.

Announcements about the Institute have been made in the latest issues of *Big Sky Libraries* and *Focus*, and on wired-MT and the MSL web site. Several librarians have expressed interest in attending the event again this year.

[FY 01 = \$25,000]

2001 Fall Workshop: Planning has just started for the 3rd annual Fall Workshop. The discussion centers on whether to continue the event in Lewistown or move the workshop to a location that offers more choices for facilities and activities.

[FY 01 = \$7,000]