

**MEMO**

**To:** State Library Commission  
**From:** Sue Jackson  
**Re:** LSTA Project Updates  
**Date:** March 27, 2001

**Grant Awards:**

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

**Projects:**

<b>Montana Library Network</b>	FY 00 = \$142,949 & FY 01 = \$92,292
<b>Montana Library Services Advisory Council</b>	FY 01 = \$4,500
<b>Montana State Library Operations</b>	FY 00 = \$350,884 & FY 01 = \$350,884
<b>Networking Task Force</b>	FY 01 = \$8,500
<b>Statewide Technology Librarians</b>	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 Flathead Indian Tribal Council met and gave approval to participation in LIP. The Tribal College Board presented two names to the Council to be recommended to the Lake County Commission for appointment as the tribal representative to the LIP Interim Library Board. More than 1,000 surveys were returned to the Library Board and the group is now searching for a way to compile and interpret the data received. The Board continues to discuss how LIP funds can best be used to promote countywide library services.

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

**LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation:** Himmel & Wilson Library Consultants of Wisconsin was awarded the contract for conducting the evaluation. The consultants will travel to Montana in May to meet with MSL staff and with librarians and trustees around the state. Focus group sessions are scheduled in Missoula, Butte, Great Falls, Billings, Miles City and Wolf Point.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$35,000; expended to date = \$14,717.50]

**MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2000:** The MSU-Bozeman Haynes Family Photographs project is completed and the results of the project can be seen at <http://www.lib.montana.edu/collect/spcoll/findaid/1507.html>. Updates for the other projects were not available for this report.  
[FY 00 LSTA = \$18,220.66; expended to date = \$3,263.30]

**MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2001:** The guidelines and application form for these grants are available on the MLN web page. This year applications can be submitted online or by mail or fax. The pre-grant meeting to provide information to prospective applicants was held on March 15 at MSL. There were seven participants, three attending and four participating by conference call.  
[FY 01 LSTA = \$20,000]

**MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line:** The project has been delayed waiting for OCLC to produce library records for the catalog. Work is nearly completed on updating the authority file for the project. The new library cards have arrived and the smart barcodes will be received soon. Training, originally planned for March, has been rescheduled for the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Epixtech trainers will spend one day in each project library working with staff.  
[FY 99 = \$33,525 & FY 00 LSTA = \$35,421; total expended to date = \$41,846.06]

**MLN Shared Catalog Project for Western Montana:** This project is still in the planning stage and no agreement has yet been transacted. Plans continue to be made for some libraries to purchase a new joint catalog and for others to become partners in existing catalogs.  
[FY 00 = \$30,000 & FY 01 = \$160,000]

**Summer Institute 2001:** The course outline and application form for the Summer Institute have been mailed to all public library directors and branch librarians. The application materials are also available on the MSL web page. Application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, and notification of attendees will be done by May 5<sup>th</sup>. A maximum of fifty participants can attend. In response to the training survey results, sessions in computer troubleshooting and maintenance will be offered as part of the Institute schedule.  
[FY 01 = \$25,000]

**2001 Fall Workshop:** Planning continues for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual MSL Fall Workshop. The decision was made to move the event from Lewistown to Billings and to have it directly follow OCLC training scheduled there. The Fall Workshop will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> on the MSU-Billings Campus, with some sessions being held in the MSU-Billings Library classroom and computer lab. Training topics, including grant writing and book repair, are now being developed.  
[FY 01 = \$7,000]