

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date: May 22, 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 = \$96,792
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 their current status:

Library Improvement Project for Lake County: An addendum to the FY 2000 project has been transacted with the Lake County Commission to indicate the expanded membership of the County Library Board. The agreement for the FY 2001 project extension grant has also been transacted. Bob continues to meet with the Board as they plan for countywide projects for the grant funds.

The new Tribal representatives, one for Charlo High School and one for Salish Kootenai College, have joined the Board. Board members continue to work to compile and interpret the data received from 1000+ surveys returned from county residents. Projects now being considered for funding with the LIP grant awards include: contracting for bookmobile services with Sanders County; purchasing a staff computer and funding staff hours for Jocko Valley Library in Arlee; purchasing equipment for Ronan's Winnebago system to allow the library to participate in the MLN Shared Catalog Project; assisting other county libraries as needed in anticipation of joining a shared catalog in the future; printing a flyer promoting library and home access to InfoTrac and other online resources; combining individual summer reading programs into a coordinated effort countywide.

[FY 00 = \$50,000; FY 01 = \$50,000; total expended to date = \$4,765.34]

LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation: During the week of May 7th, Himmel & Wilson conducted six general focus groups (Missoula, Butte, Great Falls, Billings, Miles City, Wolf Point) and two TBL focus groups (Billings, Helena) soliciting data from librarians, trustees and patrons. LSTA funds were used to reimburse participants for mileage to attend the focus groups and for refreshments at each meeting. In addition to the focus groups, interviews were scheduled with selected individuals around the state. Himmel & Wilson also conducted focus groups and interviews with MSL staff members. The

consultants reviewed LSTA files and selected documents to be copied for use in the evaluation report. A survey is being prepared by the consultants and will be distributed to all types of libraries electronically and by mail.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$35,000; total expended to date = \$16,693.69]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2000:

MSU-Billings: All of the images have been scanned and put on CDs. Work has begun on the project web page that will be built by a student assistant. Cataloging of the photographs will start in June and, if possible, the Dublin Core template designed for the project will make it possible for students to do the data entry for the photos. Bruce Newell has been working with MSU-Billings staff in creating the template.

Yellowstone Art Museum: All of the data on the Will James artwork held by the museum has been transferred into electronic format. An intern with web experience will be working on the project during the summer to prepare electronic images of the artwork.

University of Montana: The complete volume of Progressive Men, including name, occupational and geographical indexes, has been digitized and is available on CD. U of M is planning for MLN to mount to materials on the MLN Gateway.

[FY 00 LSTA = \$18,220.66; total expended to date = \$5,193.16]

MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project 2001: Five draft applications were received by the May 1st deadline. MLN staff reviewed the drafts and comments were emailed to the applicants. Seven final applications were received by the May 15th deadline. These applications were screened by MSL staff (to ensure fulfillment of collection management and technology requirements) and then sent for evaluation and ranking to the five-member Montanaiana Review Committee. Recommendations from the Review Committee will go to the Networking Task Force and then to the Commission for final approval of projects to be funded. Applicants will be notified following the June Commission meeting.

[FY 01 LSTA = \$20,000]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line: All the participating libraries now have smart barcodes, library staff have gone through the Epixtech training, and all equipment purchased for the project is operating. Librarians Delores Pribyl (Big Sandy), Ethel Siemens (Harlem Public), Diane Doughten (Blaine County) and Cindy Rooley (Liberty County) are working hard to get the barcodes on all materials so these can begin to circulate. A meeting will be scheduled soon to establish guidelines for interlibrary loans and holds. The Hi-Line library card is working and patrons from outside Havre-Hill County Library are using the cards to checkout materials from that collection. The authorities for the catalog are scheduled to be updated at the beginning of June. The cost of this part of the project will serve to use much of the balance remaining in the grant award. Bonnie Williamson, project director, reports: "At this point in time the Hi-Line Shared Catalog Project is very positive and I would be the first to admit that I had my doubts if I was going to have the stamina to pull it this far."

[FY 99 = \$33,525 & FY 00 LSTA = \$35,421; total expended to date = \$43,496.06]

MLN Shared Catalog Project for Western Montana: This project is still in the planning stage. No agreement has yet been transacted.

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

Summer Institute 2001: Forty-five applications were received for the Institute and 42 librarians were invited to attend: 36 public library directors; 3 branch librarians; 3 other public library staff. Arrangements for accommodations, meals, presenters, Institute notebooks, textbooks, tours and activities, etc. are being finalized.
[FY 01 = \$25,000; total expended to date \$2,565.30]

2001 Fall Workshop: Planning continues for the 3rd annual MSL Fall Workshop which is scheduled for September 21st-22nd on the MSU-Billings Campus. Two MLA groups, the School/Library Media Division and the Technical Services Interest Group, are working with MSL staff to prepare topics and locate presenters for the workshop. Announcements have gone out in issues of *Focus* and *Big Sky Libraries*. As in the past, registration forms for the Fall Workshop will be available in the fall issues of both of these newsletters.
[FY 01 = \$7,000]