

Library Development Department

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Goal 1. Objective 1.1. MSL will seek broad-based support and use information from many sources when planning to improve and enhance the delivery of electronic library services.

Activities:

Attended:

Commission meeting in Helena.
Broad Valleys Federation meeting in Bozeman.
Pathfinder Federation meeting in Great Falls.
Tamarack Federation meeting in Thompson Falls.
Golden Plains Federation meeting in Poplar.
MLA Cates Scholarship Committee meeting in Helena.
MLN Western Shared Catalog participants meeting in Missoula.
MLA's Academic and Special Library Division/Public Library Division retreat at Chico Hot

Springs

Attended Future of Rural and Small Libraries and Great American Bookmobile and Outreach Services conferences in Ohio.

Attended LSTA Coordinators' Conference in Washington, D.C. and made a brief presentation on the results of Himmel & Wilson's evaluation.

Attended the November Networking task force meeting in Helena.

Met with Darby Public Library Building committee.

Goal 1. Objective 1.3 Montana public libraries will be eligible for telecommunication discounts from the Federal and State governments.

Activities:

Consulted on E-Rate, filtering and CIPA queries from libraries in:

Anaconda, Baker, Belgrade,	Dutton, Ekalaka, Ennis,	Miles City, Missoula, Plains,
Belt, Billings, Boulder,	Fairfield, Glendive, Great	Polson, Ronan, Roundup,
Bozeman, Broadus,	Falls, Jordan, Kalispell,	Scobey, Three Forks, West
Cascade, Choteau, Darby,	Lewistown, Libby, Malta,	Yellowstone and Wibaux.

Goal 2. Objective 2.4. Increase the ability of Montana's library workers to answer reference questions and to process interlibrary loan requests locally.

Activities:

Prepared the laptop lab for use in the OCLC training classes performing reconfiguration and checking of all lab equipment.

Attended and provided technical and instructional support for OCLC training classes in Missoula, Manhattan, Great Falls, Billings, Glendive, and Kalispell. Training included MLN Gateway, ILL protocols, Web ILL, and CatExpress.

Goal 2. Objective 2.5. MSL's consulting division reflects the needs of the State's libraries.

Activities:

Provided consulting to libraries at :

Anaconda, Anaconda	Centerville School, Chester	Dutton, Ennis, Fairfield,
Public Schools, Baker,	Public Schools, Columbia	Flathead County High
Belgrade, Belt, Big Sandy,	Falls Jr./Sr. High Schools,	School (Kalispell), Glasgow,
Big Timber, Billings Middle	Columbus, Columbus	Glendive, Great Falls,
School, Boulder, Bozeman,	Public Schools, Darby, Deer	Hamilton, Harlowton, Havre,
Bridger, Broadus, Browning	Lodge, Dillon, Drummond,	Havre High School, Helena,
Public Schools, Cascade,	Drummond Public Schools,	Judith Gap Public Schools,

Kalispell, Lakeside, Lewistown, Libby, Libby High School, Livingston, Lodge Grass Public Schools, Malta, Manhattan, Miles City, Missoula, Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind (Great Falls), Montana State University, MSU-Billings, Moore Public Schools, Park

City Schools, Philipsburg, Plains, Plentywood, Polson, Powell County High School (Deer Lodge), Rapelje Public Schools, Red Lodge, Richey Public Schools, Ronan, St. Charles School (Pryor), St. Ignatius, Salish-Kootenai Tribal College (Pablo), Savage Public School, Sheridan, Sidney,

Stevensville, Sweet Grass County High School (Big Timber), Thompson Falls, Three Forks, University of Montana, Valier, Virginia City, West Yellowstone, Westby Public Schools, Whitehall, Wibaux, Winnett, Wolf Point, and Yellowstone Art Museum (Billings),

On topics including, but not limited to:

automation, bar codes, board issues, book challenges, CatExpress, census materials, CIPA, collection management policies, continuing education courses, equipment, e-rate,

federations, Gates Institutes, grants, graduate library degrees, InfoTrac, ILL, laptop lab, LaserCat, Let's Talk About It grants, library directory, library district law, library laws, LSTA, MEA, MLA, MLN

Gateway, Montanaiana Regrant Program, OCLC training, shared catalog projects, space needs, statistics, summer institutes, summer reading programs, trustees, trustee handbook, wired-mt, and WorldCat.

Onsite visits made to:

Bozeman, Big Sandy, Big Timber, Cascade, Chinook, Drummond, Dutton, Fairfield, Fort Benton,

Glasgow, Harlem, Malta, Manhattan, Missoula, Philipsburg, Plentywood, Polson, Ronan, Scobey,

Stevensville, Thompson Falls, and Wolf Point.

Goal 3. Objective 3.1. By June 1998, MSL will offer Montana librarians and trustees a comprehensive, professionally planned schedule of continuing education options.

Activities:

Conducted trustee training workshop in Missoula for Missoula, Lincoln County, and Jefferson County trustees and librarians

Continued making arrangements for three Gates Summer Institutes scheduled for 2002, including working with BCR on the details for training topics and goals.

Attended October MLA Conference planning meeting in Helena to screen program proposals.

Coordinated the College of DuPage's Soaring to Excellence 2002 teleconference series for Helena.

Twenty area librarians attended the first program on customer service in November. The series is being co-sponsored in Helena by MSL, Carroll College and Lewis and Clark Library.

Goal 3. Objective 3.2. By January 2000, the number of participants in the certification program will have doubled to 454.

Activities:

Consulted with the librarians in Belgrade, Columbus, Ekalaka, Kalispell and Thompson Falls on certification questions.

Approved twenty-one programs for continuing education.

Approved one applicant into the enrollment level, nine applicants into the certification level, and one applicant into the certification renewal level of the Montana Certification Program.

Goal 3. Objective 3.4. The use of MSL's collection of professional materials by librarians and trustees will increase by 10% each year.

Activities:

Promoted and encouraged use of the MSL professional collection when consulting with public libraries.

Posted monthly announcements on the statewide library electronic list describing new library development materials added to the MSL collection.

Goal 5. Objective 5.1. Annually, MSL will coordinate statewide plans and programs for libraries.

Activities:

Monitored the progress and expenditures of MLN's four FY 2000 and two FY 2001 Montanaiana Regrant Program projects.

Monitored the three ALA Let's Talk About It (LTAI) grants and ordered books for the programs scheduled in Glendive, Great Falls and Gallatin County.

Monitored the progress and expenditures of the LSTA Lake County Library Improvement Project.

Attended Lake County Library Improvement Project meetings in Pablo and Polson.