

State Librarian's Report

January 25 to April 1, 2003

Agency Goals

MSL Goal 4: All of MSL essential services are funded through state funds.

Met with MLA's Government Affairs Committee Chair, program managers, and MLA lobbyists to continue to devise legislative strategies.

Communicated with MSL staff, library community, and Commission regarding legislative activity.

Provided testimony in support of HB 491.

Provided testimony in opposition to HB 694.

Provided testimony and information regarding the state library's budget to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Claims Committees.

MSL Goal 1: MSL employees have pleasant, efficient, and sufficient office and work areas.

Space planning with program managers. Wrote and distributed a request for space planning services.

MSL Goal 2: MSL must support a robust and reliable information technology infrastructure.

Work with program managers to amend agency IT plan to reflect current situation.

CD settlement and communicated such with library community.

Attended MGIC meeting.

Library Development Department

LDD Goal 1: Montana library staff and public library trustees have ongoing and continues need for training.

Worked with LDD staff members to develop a scholarship grant application to IMLS.

LDD Goal 4: Citizens and students have easy access to and use multiple electronic information resources through their libraries.

LDD Goal 5: Citizens can easily access the holdings of all Montana and OCLC libraries and online electronic resources through their libraries.

LDD Goal 6: Montana citizens and students will have dependable access to electronic information services at their libraries by the end of 2007.

Arranged a teleconference between MLN staff members and Wyoming State Library's statewide catalog staff members.

Attended IT rotunda day on January 30.

Library and Information Services Department (LISD)

LISD Goal 1: State employees have the information that they need to make good public policy recommendations and decisions.

LISD Goal 4: Users have easy and comprehensive access to information through the library.

Met with LISD staff to help plan a project to reduce the backlog of state documents and other materials awaiting review.

Collected information about the use and status of MSL's federal publication depository. Met with LISD staff to review MSL's federal document depository status.

Natural Resource Information System (NRIS)

NRIS Goal 1: To fulfill its mandate to be the source for natural resource information in Montana, NRIS must acquire, integrate, maintain, and document natural resource data and information needed for understanding, managing and utilizing Montana's natural resources, and environment.

Attended MGIC meeting.