

State Librarian's Report

July 23 to September 24, 2003

Agency Goals

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

Helped plan meeting to reach consensus on agency's interface to MSL's Internet services.

MSL Goal 5: MSL provides a clearinghouse for all geo-spatial data.

Attended a two-day retreat with the Montana Geographic Information Council to promote the services of NRIS and to plan for the development of statewide GIS initiatives.

Talking Book Library

TBL Goal 1: To ensure that all eligible clients know about the availability of service from MTBL and to make enrollment and use of the service easy for users.

Facilitated an evaluation session of TBL's accomplishment reaching the goals in the long-range plan.

Attended the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Presented the youth awards.

TBL goal 2. MTBL will plan and implement a smooth transition to a digital format to ensure that the potential for expanded services are available to MTBL patrons.

Kept abreast of development of National Library Service Planning Group and COSLA participation in the transitions.

Established contact with OTIS project manager and facilitated our participation in the pilot project.

Library Development Department

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

With LDD staff, wrote and submitted a "Staying Connected" grant proposal to the Gates Foundation.

Planned and led a meeting of federation coordinators and MSL staff and commission to consider changes in federations.

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

With Bruce Newell, drafted a business plan process for the Montana Shared Catalog System.

LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens will understand the value and use the services of Montana's libraries.

With the Communications and Marketing Coordinator, implemented the marketing campaign.

Collaboratively developed a marketing workshop for the fall workshop and federation meetings.

Montana State Digital Library

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

Met with division managers to plan transition meetings for MSdL.

Met with managers to plan evaluation of LISD.

Other activities

Attended Chief Officers of State Library Agencies meeting in Tucson.

Attended Western Council of State Libraries meeting in Tucson. As member of the executive board, interviewed five candidates for the position of project leader for the Continuing Education Project.

Attended a meeting of the Information Futures Institute in Missoula. This informal group meets twice a year to discuss trends in library and information services. Arranged and presented a program with Jan Walsh, State Librarian of Washington, and Charles Bolles, State Librarian of Idaho, about the future of state libraries.

Attended the Pacific Northwest Library Association in Boise. Presented a program on the future of state libraries.