

Montana Talking Books Library

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

One tour was conducted in January and none in February

Outreach presentations on MTBL existing and new services, equipment and materials were given: One in-house presentation was given in January and February

Ninety-one new applications for service were sent to potential new patrons in January and 38 in February.

The National Library Service commended MTBL's Machine Lending Agency for the completion of an in-depth self-audit of patron equipment.

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.

Continued LCM digital recording training for TBL staff and Recording Program Volunteer Teams.

In January and February, nineteen titles were completed at both MTBL recording studios:

"More Montana Campfire Tales" by Dave Walter; "Spirit Tailings: Ghost Tales from Virginia City, Butte & Helena" by Ellen Baumler; "Firestorm in Paradise" by John Crues; "King of the Mountain" by Pete Fromm; "To Skin a Cat" by Thomas McGuane; "Coffin Gap" by Les Savage, Jr.; "Skye's West" by Richard S. Wheeler; "Black Diamond" by Joan Wolf; "Montana Places" by John B. Wright; "Shadow of Defeat" by Elfi Hornby; "When Montana and I were Young" by Margaret Bell; "Two Dogs and a Horse" and "Desert Dog" by Jim Kjelgaard; "On a Passing Frontier" by Frank B. Linderman; "How the Morning and Evening Stars Came to Be", "The Turtle Who Went to War", and "How the Summer Season Came and Other Assiniboine Indian Stories" by the Fort Peck Tribal College Library; "Hungry Horses" by Judy Rabidue; and "Helena '49 – Folks I'd Love to Keep" by Gerald Sullivan.

TBL Goal 3: Allow service to the patrons to be provided more efficiently and effectively by providing enough space for the collection.

Weeding is completed up to RC41,800.

Preparation was completed to ship over 8,064 copies of Xess books out of MTBL by June.

TBL Goal 4: Increase productivity and satisfaction of staff members and volunteers.

Two staff computers were upgraded.

Two volunteer computers were upgraded using old staff computers.