

Library Development Department

April 7 – May 27, 2005

LDD Goal 1: Montana public librarians and trustees have easy access to the training that they need to provide quality library services to their communities.

Made onsite visits to eleven libraries across the state

Consulted on thirty-five different topics with staff and trustees from eighty-three libraries statewide

Worked on Library Board Education Program and attended LBEP Training Institute

Conducted board training for Lewis & Clark Public Library

Continued development work on providing an online training calendar to create more awareness among Montana librarians about training opportunities

Completed survey for Washington State Library to be used in IMLS grant to fund training for Montana's school librarians

Attended Federation meetings of Pathfinder and South Central

Consulted on Sagebrush Plan of Service and federation coordinator change

Presented policies workshop at South Central meeting

Attended June State Library Commission meeting in Billings

Attended 2005 MLA Conference: presented workshops on poetry, statistics and budgeting; served as facilitator for several workshops; posted handouts from sessions; created web-based evaluation form for conference

Worked with PEEL Advisory Committee on scholarship awards

For Montana Library Certification Program approved eleven training events for continuing education credit, certified three individuals, issued fifty Office of Public Instruction renewal certificates, and enrolled one librarian in the program

Continued planning for Summer Institute 2005

Started planning and scheduling for 2005 Trustee Workshops

Prepared bid document and selected training vendor for Gates Staying Connected Grant program

Continued planning for Fall Workshop

LDD Goal 2: To improve library services to citizens by establishing an adequate and stable taxing district.

Finished draft of Library District Handbook

LDD Goal 3: To ensure that all Montana citizens have access to quality library services.

Worked with Lincoln County Library on strategic planning

Facilitated third and final community planning meeting for Carnegie Library Big Timber's Planning for Results process

LDD Goal 4: Montana citizens will understand, value, and use the services of Montana's libraries.

Attended Statewide Marketing Committee meetings

LDD Goal 5: Montana citizens have easy and complete access to the information that they need at their libraries.

LDD Goal 6: Citizens and students have easy access to and use multiple electronic information resources through their libraries.

Assisted libraries with completion of their reports for the final round of Gates Staying Connected grants

LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens can easily access the holdings of all Montana and OCLC libraries and online electronic resources through their libraries.

Attended Montana Shard Catalog annual members meeting

Answered questions about e-rate

Assisted libraries with FirstSearch ILL, MLNCAT, and Connexion

LDD Goal 8: Montana citizens will have dependable access to electronic information services at their libraries by the end of 2007.