

To: Montana State Library Commission  
From: Sue Jackson, LSTA Coordinator  
Re: LSTA update  
Date: May 27, 2005

Below are updates on Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)-funded projects approved by the Commission:

**Trustee Training Projects**                      2004 LSTA = \$31,000    2005 LSTA = \$10,000

The five volunteer trustee trainers in the Library Board Education Program (LPEB) successfully completed the two-day training institute and are now ready to conduct trustee workshops for library boards. A flyer announcing the availability of the trainers was mailed to all public library directors and board chairs. To date, one workshop has been scheduled for the trustee trainers and several others are in the process of being set up.

Two trustee workshops will be offered in October/November 2005. The Missoula workshop will be November 5 at the Grant Creek Inn. The second workshop location will be Billings and facilities are being explored for October 22. The training topic will be evaluation and the presenter will be Deborah Johnson, library consultant and professor at the University of Illinois library school.

**Children's Services Consultant Project**                      LSTA = \$1,000 (2004)

Cindy Christin attended the summer reading program collaborative meeting in April in North Dakota. She presented a session at the Montana Library Association conference in Billings on the highlights of this year's reading program. The balance of funds in this project will be used to purchase public service announcements (in various formats) that will be played on television stations across the state promoting reading and the summer reading program.

**2005 Summer Institute**                      LSTA = \$30,000 (2004)

Registrations for the Butte (June 13-15) and Billings (June 16-18) Summer Institutes are still being accepted. To date, registration of directors and trustees have 23 attending the Butte institute (7 are trustees) and 15 attending the Billings institute (2 are trustees and 1 is a Friends member). Sandra Nelson will make the institute presentations about strategic planning for libraries and communities.

**Fall Workshop 2005**                      LSTA = \$10,000 (2005)

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Workshop will be held at the Hampton Inn in Great Falls on September 30-October 1. Programs and presentations are still being organized, but some topics to be offered include offering quality readers advisory services, adult programming at the library, emotional intelligence in the work place, how to conduct a patron survey, and convincing administrators of the value of the school library. Registration for the Fall Workshop will begin in late August.

**Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)**                      LSTA = \$158,309 (2005)

Agreements with Missoula Public Library for expansion of MSC will be transacted in July. The application process for libraries to join MSC is in progress; selected libraries will be added to the catalog in September. The new MSC Technical Assistant position has been advertised and applications are currently being screened.

**Networking Task Force**                      LSTA = \$4500 (2005)

A meeting of the NTF is scheduled for June 6, 2005.