

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

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

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

The five volunteer trustee trainers participating in the Library Board Education Program (LBEP) have been traveling to communities to make presentations to library boards on the duties of trustees and other topics. A total of 15 workshops will be done by the end of the project in September.

Two trustee workshops will be offered in October/November 2005. 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)

Public service announcements promoting reading and the 2005 summer reading program are now being aired on Montana television stations across the state. Cindy Christin has ordered the 2006 summer reading program manuals for Montana public and branch libraries. Cindy will present a session at the Fall Workshop on books and babies.

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

A total of 32 people attended the summer institutes on planning held in Butte and Billings in June. This included 23 library directors, 7 trustees, 1 Foundation member, and 1 Friends member. Comments received from participants following the institutes were all very positive. Sandra Nelson, the presenter, received the following comments by email: "I am so impressed with the format, the information, your presentation of it, the organization and the printed material we received. I have encouraged my board to read and analyze ways we can use the community approach ... It is not always the case that such a presentation is instantly applicable, but in our situation, it absolutely is," and "Thank you for a great workshop when you were here in Billings. Believe you me I have been to many gatherings of this sort and this was the best one that I have ever been to."

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

The 7th annual Fall Workshop will be held in Great Falls on September 30-October 1. Registration materials will be posted in late August. Training topics will include the new statewide marketing campaign, starting or rejuvenating Friends groups, subject headings, embracing change in the library, blogs, using the new InfoTrac interface, team building and communication skills, and books and babies programming.

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

Agreements with Missoula Public Library for expansion of MSC have been transacted and the 2005 Start Up Project is ready to begin. Libraries selected in this round are Rosebud County Library in Forsyth, Plains School Library, Pablo Elementary School Library in Ronan (as a branch), Sheridan Public Library, and Mineral County Library in Superior. The new MSC

Technical Assistant position has been re-advertised and interviews are scheduled in late July with selected applicants.

Networking Task Force

LSTA = \$4,500 (2005)

The NTF met in June 2005. Discussions at the June meeting included, but were not limited to Montana Shared Catalog new application process, a thin client software demonstration, a northwest regional digital archives project, and statewide interlibrary loan reimbursement program. No date has been set for the next meeting.