

Library Development Department

July 28 – September 21, 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 Anaconda, Baker, Boulder, Broadus, Cascade, Conrad, Drummond, Ekalaka, Forsyth, Fort Benton, Glasgow, Havre, Hot Springs, Kalispell, Lewistown, Miles City, Missoula, Sheridan, Stanford, Three Forks, Twin Bridges, Valier, Virginia City, Whitehall, and Winifred.

Consulted on thirty-seven different topics with staff and trustees from sixty-eight libraries statewide.

Attended August State Library Commission meeting in Helena.

Continued work on Professional Education and Employment for Librarians (PEEL) stipend program and began implementation planning for new PEEL II scholarship program.

Entered the Beta-testing phase for deployment of an online training calendar to create more awareness among Montana librarians about training opportunities.

Completed work on replacement laptop lab and used it for InfoTrac trainings in Missoula and Kalispell.

Continued work on final arrangements and registrations for MSL Fall Workshop.

Monitored the Gates computer troubleshooting workshops held statewide.

Continued planning for fall 2005 Trustee Workshops in Missoula and Billings.

Worked on Library Board Education Program.

Conducted board trainings for Billings and Twin Bridges.

Attended Gates computer security training.

Conducted a collection management/reference assessment workshop in Glasgow.

Attended Rosebud County Library Board meeting.

Attended meeting of Pathfinder Federation Bylaws Committee.

Conducted tour of Montana libraries with visiting IMLS program officer.

Worked with Western Council of State Libraries on establishing a regional certification program for librarians.

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

Prepared Library District Handbook for printing.

Facilitated community discussion on library districts with local government and library leadership in Fergus County.

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

Conducted a strategic planning session with Belt.

Attended national CONTED forum in Salt Lake City for state library continuing education personnel.

Organized Dewey workshops in Havre and Great Falls.

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

Attended Statewide Marketing Committee meetings.

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

Conducted InfoTrac workshops in Havre, Kalispell, and Missoula.

Participated in a series of meetings to facilitate Montana's participation in new grant programs from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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

Conducted an OCLC FirstSearch ILL Workshop in Great Falls and Harlem and an OCLC CatExpress Workshop in Great Falls.

Assisted libraries with FirstSearch ILL, MLNCAT, and Connexion.

Answered questions about E-rate and assisted libraries with getting the required forms submitted.

Participated in Montana Shared Catalog Partners meeting.