

Memo

To: Commission Members
From: Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian
Date: July 24, 2007
Re: Statistics on interlibrary loan reimbursement requests and expected FY 2008 payments for FY2007 loans.

You will find following this memo three charts with information regarding the FY2007 loans Montana libraries made to other Montana libraries and reported to the State Library with a request for reimbursement. The first chart is in alphabetical order by library name and shows the following elements:

- Library name
- ILL Loans – the number of loans each library made to other Montana libraries and reported to the State Library
- Loan Reimbursement – the amount of money the library will receive based on the number of loans it made to other Montana libraries and reported to the State Library. The rate of payment for loans for FY 2007 loans is approximately \$0.76 per loan. This rate is calculated by dividing the amount of money available (\$98,885.50) by the total number of loans processed and reported to the State Library.
- ILL Borrows – the number of items each library borrowed from other Montana libraries and reported to the State Library
- Net Loans – the difference between the number of items each library loaned to other Montana libraries and the number it borrowed from other Montana libraries, if the loans were greater than the borrows.
- Net Loan Reimbursement – the amount of money the library will receive based on the number of net loans they made to other Montana libraries. The rate of payment for the net loans for FY 2007 is approximately \$2.63 per net loan. This rate is calculated by dividing the amount of money available (\$98,885.50) by the total number of net loans.
- Total reimbursement – this is the total amount of interlibrary loan reimbursement monies each library will receive via a check issued by MSL with projected distribution scheduled for the week of August 19th. Although this check will reimburse the local library for FY 2007 loans, as in past years, it will be issued from current fiscal year monies (FY 2008) and the local library should track these incoming state funds accordingly.

The second chart contains the same information as the first, but is presented in descending order by the amount of the total reimbursement payment.

The third chart provides a comparison of the previous four years of interlibrary loan request numbers reported and reimbursement payments. The 2004 and 2005 figures represent total loans reimbursement only and the last two years are based on the 50% total loans and 50% net loans reimbursement option.

What all the charts show is that we indeed have an interlibrary loan reimbursement program that is struggling. The loan requests keep increasing (which is good news because behind each request is a satisfied Montana reader) and the money available for reimbursement remains fairly static. The Fulfillment Task Force will be carefully studying this issue for up to the next twelve months and will bring recommendations to the Network Advisory Council, State Librarian and Commission as to possible solutions or alternatives for this very important program. We need a solution that recognizes the efforts of all Montana librarians, libraries, and communities to share their resources. We need a solution that recognizes what fulfillment and extensive resource sharing by Montana libraries offers to our Montana citizens. We need a solution that makes good business sense.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time.