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**To:** Commission Members  
**From:** Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian  
**Date:** November 7, 2008  
**Re:** Good news and bad news on the Governor's Budget for the State Library

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Several changes happened within our biennium budget request as the Governor's office of Budget and Program Planning finalized the Governor's Budget.

(1) We lost half of the general fund new monies that had previously been suggested that we would receive. We lost in FY 10 (.25) (\$20,302) and FY11 (.50) (\$33,404) for the marketing coordinator position. We are just getting a .25 FTE each year of (\$15,425). We will need to continue to look for other ways to fully fund the marketing coordinator position.

(2) All the State Special Revenue RIT (Resource Indemnity Trust) funds (\$251,401) were removed from the Digital Library/NRIS budget and were replaced with general fund dollars.

(3) We were given one time only money of \$200,000 each year of coal tax money to fund a Library Courier/Delivery Service Pilot Project. A library courier service as defined by the Montana State Library Fulfillment Taskforce is "a dependable, reliable and predictable delivery service that, with a desired level of frequency and security, physically moves library materials from one library to another or from a library to a library patron." This request would fund a two year pilot as described below. Montana's library patrons now utilize the Internet to search library catalogs across the state, the region and the world. Many Montana libraries are further enhancing the patron experience by making their collections available to users across the state by a simple "get it" option in their library catalogs. As a result, the movement of interlibrary library loan items between libraries has increased significantly in the last decade. The pilot would establish regional library drop sites that would contract with an established commercial courier service for pickup and delivery. Libraries would utilize their regional drop site for movement of their requested materials. Courier costs would be based on frequency of delivery. Additionally, delivery by mail must remain an option for rural, remote libraries that cannot get their materials to a drop site. In order to develop a truly statewide delivery service pilot, the cost for mail service also needs to be included.

(4) We were also given one time only money of \$25,000 to replace approximately 12 existing training lab computers. The computers are used in house and around the state by the state library and other state agencies for library related training. This is a biennial OTO.