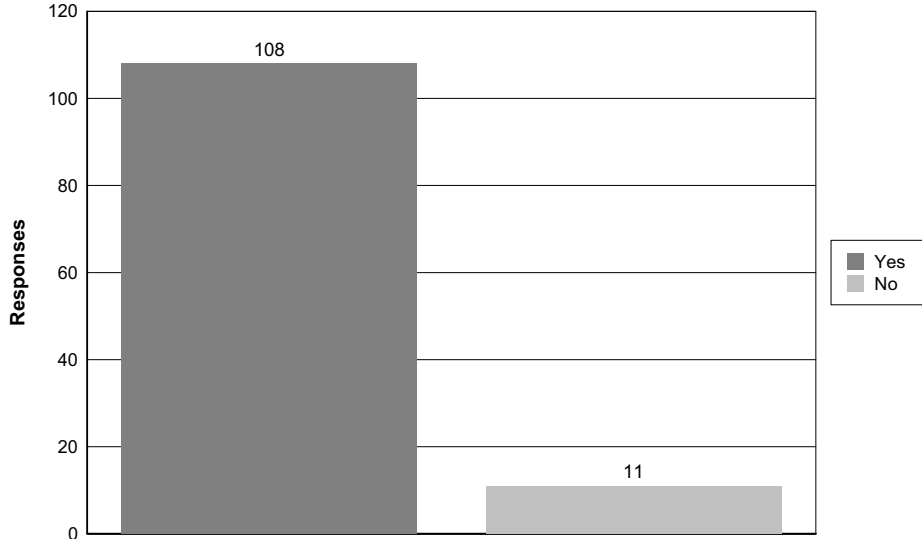


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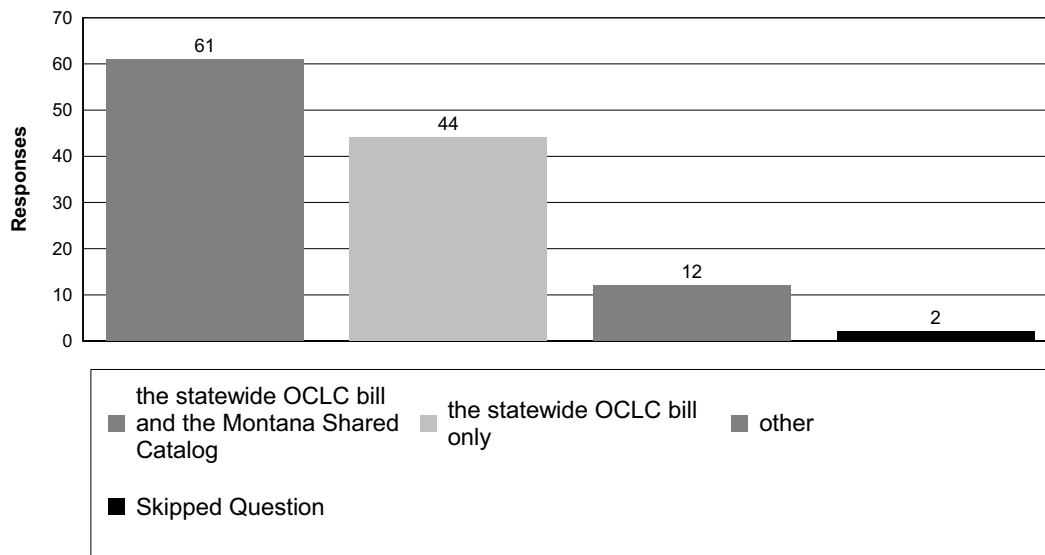
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108	91%	Yes
11	9%	No



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61	51%	the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog
44	37%	the statewide OCLC bill only
12	10%	other
2	2%	Skipped Question



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the statewide OCLC bill only
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the statewide OCLC bill only
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- 20) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
No
The money should be used for all Montana libraries. The Montana Shared Catalog subscribes to a very expensive system and all Montana libraries don't belong to MSC. It would not seem fair to fund a program for those who choose to belong to MSC.
2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
other
OCLC payment and transportation of items between libraries.
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- 21) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
No
Our little library would have to charge patrons and other libraries for Interlibrary loan,
2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
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the statewide OCLC bill only

25) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

The ILL funds offset our postage costs and we would have to bear that cost. We are a net lender.

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

other

If the OCLC bill was funded with these funds we would at least be able to repurpose the cost to cover postage. The MSC does NOT benefit all libraries and even those who are members are not equally responsible for costs.

26) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

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29) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

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Yes

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the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog

31) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

We don't believe that the Commission will have the best interests of ALL the libraries in mind when it comes time to spend this money. Their heart seems to be with the Montana Shared Catalog and we disagree with that.

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

other

Statewide OCLC bill and the remaining money should remain with ILL reimbursement. Absolutely, NO money to MSC.

32) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog

33) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

I do not feel that the Commission will be distributing the monies equally among the libraries. Now the way the statute reads all libraries that loan books get some reimbursement.

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

other

Leave as is so all libraries would have an equal opportunity at a portion of that money. Without that money many libraries will have to stop sharing their collection or charge other libraries for the service. The result will be no ILL.

34) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

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- 35) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
- Yes**
- 2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
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- the statewide OCLC bill only**
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- 37) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
- No**
- We need interlibrary loan support at our small libraries that cannot afford to be part of the shared catalog.***
- 2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
- other**
- Have the interlibrary loan reimbursement, with more rebimbursement for those of us that cannot possibly be "net lenders" -- please.***
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- 38) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
- Yes**
- 2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
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- the statewide OCLC bill only**
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- 40) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:
- No**
- The money needs to be distributed to all libraries for the purpose of resource changing. The language should remain as is until an agreement is made to spend the ILL money to benefit all liibraries.***
- 2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:
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other

All to the Montana Shared Catalog. This use of the money will include a statewide card and courier system in the future.

48) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill only

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other

To benefit the widest range of libraries, I believe allocation of funds to support OCLC is extremely important. HOWEVER, I feel giving money to MSC does not benefit all libraries (and aren't most libraries in this state rural?) and I strongly urge that money not be used to support MSC. The small libraries still need ILL support; we still must mail items regardless of WHAT shared catalog we belong to. For those libraries that have taken huge hits on their budgets this year, ILL funding is sorely needed.

56) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

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70) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

meaning is vague

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill only

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Yes

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the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog

72) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

Interlibrary loans tremendously impact the ways in which medical professionals and community members can receive medical information. Our library uses the funds the state provides for our participation in the interlibrary loan program with the state to validate the time and resources necessary for efficiently getting this information in the proper hands. Finding other ways to fund and support this kind of service would prove to be difficult for the specific type of library we are and the patrons we serve.

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

other

I would like to see the fund stay and not be repurposed for anything other than interlibrary loan reimbursement.

73) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

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the statewide OCLC bill only

80) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

The statewide OCLC bill and bringing smaller libraries in the less populated areas into the shared catalog and then helping them have the funds and support to continue. Joining is not the only issue, it's a matter of keeping and maintaining the technology that many times is the bigger mountain. When the larger libraries that are already in the Shared Catalog collect funds for inter-library loans that are actually just a part of their "sharing" system, it takes funding away from the libraries that are not a part of the Shared Catalog, but rely heavily on their OCLC funding. This is not right, especially when these larger libraries will outwardly state that they do not need the funds. The system as it has been being used is not fair and definitely needs to be addressed.

92) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill only

93) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:

Yes

I need more information

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill only

94) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:

No

My earlier response was "no," but after Maggie talked to my board, they were appreciative of the possibility of having possible more flexibility for use of the money.

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill only

95) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:

Yes

2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog

96) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statue change, would you respond:

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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- 104) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

Yes

- 2) If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), would you like to see the approximately \$200,000 (annual) that is now used for interlibrary loan reimbursement repurposed for:

other

Polson City Library thrives in an environment of collaboration (InfoTrac, Automotive Repair, MSC, Partners, MontanaLibrary2Go, HeritageQuest, & who knows what's coming next)! Our participation in all of these endeavors has had tremendous benefits for our users and I think focusing on the user is our primary responsibility as a public library. Everyone wants affordable costs. Pooling resources to make things more equitable has a proven track record ~ bigger bang for the buck so to speak. I think we've reached a point where participating in OCLC (thankfully through a statewide contract) is simply part of doing business these days ~ sort of like an ISP is needed in order to have Internet access. Seeing \$200,000 committed to the Shared Catalog would go a long way. The MSC would be affordable for hesitant libraries to join and more equitable for those already in the consortium. Growing the MSC is also a goal in the State Library plan of service. A statewide courier system is another option that would benefit users. I also feel strongly that libraries have to be willing to repurpose monies within their own budgets in order to provide improved services to their users. I guess I don't have specific suggestions other than options a. & b. seems too limited from my perspective. The figures regarding the number of participants in OCLC, Shared Catalog, ILL reimbursement, etc. haven't been widely disseminated (unless I've completely missed it) so I think that data has some relevance too. I'm looking forward to how the Administrative Rules process develops.

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Yes

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the statewide OCLC bill only

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the statewide OCLC bill and the Montana Shared Catalog

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the statewide OCLC bill only

Thank you for soliciting our input on the proposed legislative revisions that the SLC is planning to seek during the 2009 Legislative session.

In general, I support the proposed revisions, but am concerned that without the interlibrary loan reimbursement, our school district libraries would be hard-pressed to continue to loan to libraries outside our school district. Though small, the reimbursement we receive helps cover staff time, packaging, etc which enables us to share from our school collections.

If the legislation is changed and the current funding is repurposed, I would like to see the money go to the statewide OCLC bill only.

Again, thank you for asking, and thanks for all you do on behalf of all of us.

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Yes

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other

I didn't respond to the Aug. 22 mailing because I am a school librarian. We aren't members of the MT Shared Catalog, not do we belong to World Cat or OCLC. Therefore, I didn't think this pertained to my library. I suppose if it did involve our library, I would be in favor of having more options available for resource-sharing.

- 109) 1) If your Senator or Representative were to ask you if you support this statute change, would you respond:

No

Why Bicentennial Library of Colstrip is not for MCA 22-1-328:

Bicentennial Library of Colstrip is a small town library with limited shelf space for our collection and an annual book budget of \$14,300.00. With this budget we purchase many materials and continue to update our collection so that we will have a current collection. We deselect many materials due to lack of use and purchase new materials in there place. That said we do not have a budget or space to fill the need of every patron that uses our library. Interlibrary Loans help us with our home-schoolers, we are able to keep up with and supplement their curriculum. Our last count included 30 home-school families.

We have a large number of academic books requested by long distance learners doing research.

Bicentennial Library of Colstrip understands that there are many small libraries in Montana like us that are in remote areas. Colstrip is thirty two miles from the interstate. We have many patrons from Ashland, Lame Deer, Birney and even Brodas that use our library. Interlibrary Loans is a valuable service that people in our and the surrounding communities have come to depend on.

During our last fiscal year we lent 556 items and we borrowed 121 items. Libraries, including small rural libraries are more and more relevant in modern society. Interlibrary Loans may be expensive; however it is a valid program that our library uses every day.

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Subject:Legislative Funding for Libraries

First, I hate to see libraries lose funding to help with ILL's, but the system has been inequitable for years and not very helpful for small libraries, so it probably is time for revamping what the funds from the legislature are spent for. Therefore, I am definitely in favor of the new legislation.

I agree that part of the money from the legislature should go to offset the increases in OCLC costs, because most of us need OCLC no matter what it costs, and local money and Federation money isn't going to keep up with the inflation there.

However, I disagree with the Fulfillment Task Force on the distribution of the remaining funds. My library is part of the Montana Shared Catalog, and I really believe in the existence and the concept of the Shared Catalog. That said, I have to state emphatically that I do not believe in further money spent on the MSC. The Shared Catalog is already getting a sizable chunk of the funds spent on Montana libraries, including most of the federal LSTA funds available plus Montana State Library funds spent on personnel, materials, fiscal handling, etc.

Many libraries in Montana, especially the smaller ones, cannot raise nor justify the funds necessary to join the Shared Catalog -- and for most of them, that is not going to change in the foreseeable future. Many will benefit from assistance with OCLC, but only as the cost savings can be explained to their boards and county or city officials when they are explaining that they will no longer be getting ILL reimbursements to help with postage and staff time. I am concerned that those officials will see the end of ILL reimbursement as a reduction in budgets and subsequently start calling for measures like charging for ILL, which is contrary to our roles as public libraries.

Because we are only as strong as our weakest links, these smaller libraries need our attention. It has been suggested that a staff member be added to the State Library to help them, but our State Library Consultants like Suzanne Reymer are already doing that well. Instead, I would like to see funds go toward actual reimbursements or direct funding for essentials.

I would like to see the State Library Consultants like Suzanne identify all the small public libraries which meet certain criteria -- budget amount per capita served under a certain figure, for example -- and then take 50% of the legislative funding and divide it among those libraries. I have heard people disparage funding of this sort because it "enables" public officials to give the libraries less, but I know for certain that in most cases that simply isn't true. Instead, in the majority of the cases, those public officials are giving the library what they can and simply cannot meet the real needs of the library. The libraries could be required to account for the spending of the funds and to indicate how the funds have enhanced service to their patrons and communities.

My two cents,

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the statewide OCLC bill only

Additional Comments

look at some way to help small libraries that cannot realistically afford to join the MSC in the foreseeable future

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Additional Comments

Why—this is a community of libraries from across the state. No one is being excluded, but it is a personal choice to join. Some say they cannot join due to costs. This would help to defray the costs, as well as help with OCLC (which Montana Shared Libraries must keep a current account).

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As a proud and happy member of the MSC, I would love to see Moneys re-purposed for both MSC and OCLC. MSC does good work and I don't have to ever think about it! If more librarians knew it's potential and could more easily afford it, they would join.

Response to changes in the State Interlibrary Loan Program

As a part of the Hi-Line Shared Catalog that is housed at the Havre-Hill County Library and administered by Bonnie Williamson, we would like to express our dissatisfaction that the Montana State Library is discontinuing the ILL reimbursement to libraries and giving a huge amount of money to the Montana Shared Catalog. The Hi-Line Shared Catalog has been meticulously maintained and has been very cost effective for the Liberty County Library.

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING CONCERNS AND FRUSTRATIONS:

- ILL is an integral part of Montana libraries and we have been encouraged to share our resources and have the opportunity to borrow from Montana libraries and the rest of the world
- This project was started by the Montana State Library and many patrons have benefited from this program
- By ending funding for ILL, the Montana State Library is placing the burden on libraries that are facing budget cuts
- ILL reimbursement was a fair way to allocate funds. Libraries that shared their books were also reimbursed and all libraries had the option to participate and receive reimbursement
- The Liberty County Library has contacted OCLC about IFM (Internal Fee Management). Someone has to fund ILL and the burden of this program cannot be put on the taxpayers of this county. The Liberty County Library understands that this would be a reciprocal lending agreement.
- It is frustrating to see the Montana State Library start new programs when it fails to continue with existing programs that most of the libraries are using and that patrons have come to appreciate and utilize.
- Our concern lies in the fact that the Montana Shared Catalog is being hand-picked to receive taxpayer money that only benefits a small share of Montana libraries. ILL money served all Montana libraries fairly
- Other areas of concern in this proposal include the courier service contract(s) and non-courier delivery service(s). This is a vague proposal and should be explained in further detail.
- The statewide OCLC contract appears to be the only program in this proposal that may be fair to all libraries

Because of our concern for local and state taxpayer monies, the Liberty County Library Board and the Library Director would like the Montana State Library to reconsider their approval of monies to the Montana Shared Catalog and to give this money back to the ILL reimbursement program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Fenger 10-1-08

Teresa Fenger, Library Director

Peg Duffin 10-1-08

Peg Duffin, Chairwoman

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October 1, 2009

Marsha Hinch, Chair
State Library Commission
Choteau/Teton Public Library
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Dear Marsha:

I am writing to voice an opinion shared by many librarians regarding the proposed change to the library statutes regarding reallocation of current funding for ILL.

While I support the broadening of the allocation purpose to include funding for OCLC, I oppose the diversion of ILL funds to the Montana Shared Catalog.

ILL is a base program used by all libraries which, ideally, would be state supported so that all libraries could participate without overburdening local resources. Support for ILL transactions has been on a steady and precipitous decline at the same time as costs have dramatically risen.

In order to reach the widest range of libraries, allocation of state funding to support OCLC would be the most equitable use for these funds, not the shared catalog.

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I would support the statute change to give more latitude to state funding but would vigorously oppose at the legislature support for the shared catalog from these funds, including administrative rule changes that would divert funds to the shared catalog.

Sincerely,

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TO: Darlene Staffeldt, Montana State Librarian
FROM: E. Renee Goss, Director
Sidney-Richland County Library
RE: 2009 Legislative Changes
DATE: November 10, 2008

Darlene,

I am writing in response to the proposed revisions to the 2009 Information Access Montana Legislation. I do agree that the revisions need to be made and if asked by my Senator or Representative I will tell them I support the changes.

If the legislation is changed, and if an administrative rules process is initiated to repurpose the current funding (\$200,000), I would prefer that funds go to the statewide OCLC bill only. But I would really like to see some funds directed to the following: open source library systems (ILS).

The Why

Over the last few years the major ILS systems have been bought up and are owned by 3 companies (SirsiDynix, Innovative Interfaces and Ex Libris). Who knows when one company may merge with another and what they will continue to support. These systems are all very proprietary while the growth of the Internet, and other web based systems have pushed forward the growth of open source system design.

The Sidney-Richland County Library has chosen not to join the MSC primarily due to ephemeral and high ongoing costs. But our Follett system is limited and Follett has not delivered on promised technology such as SIP2/NCIP. Currently they are moving to an upgrade called Destiny. So soon they will no longer offer support to our present version. The cost to move to Destiny coupled with the not making significant protocol upgrades has had me researching ILS systems and I keep coming back to open source systems particularly Koha. We have used other open source products in the past and have continued to monitor the progress of products such as Koha. We have just kind of been waiting until our Follett system has run its course.

To keep it simple here are the three main why's;

1. Less money - Open source even with support services (LibLime is a company that supports Koha) is cheaper. Some of the initial costs of migrating may be comparable to a commercial vendor if you hire a company to do it for you. But long term it would be cheaper. For one thing you aren't paying for software licensing. I believe a consortium of libraries in British Columbia went with Evergreen, also an open source ILS, and have lowered their total costs significantly.
2. Features- Evergreen and Koha, the two leading open source ILS systems offer features better than commercial systems. Montana has been trying to offer equal access for all Montanans through ILL, the MSC and now library cards that can be used at collaborating libraries. But to really deliver equitable access our libraries need to be able to deliver **affordable** and seamless

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communication between all libraries. Some libraries have state of the art, some are on systems that are not standards compliant and some aren't automated at all. Clearly we need to look at other solutions besides commercial vendors. I don't believe MSC with SyrsiDynix is an option.

3. Customizable- The huge plus is that development is driven by the libraries which in turn is really driven by our customers. Funds would really go toward the development of the software which would make the life of it a lot longer than a commercial vendor product. I read somewhere that the life expectancy of a commercial product is only around 3-5 years. If one library designs an upgrade or works with a company to develop a solution within an open source ILS, all libraries, with that system (Koha) get the upgrade. Now that's resource sharing! That doesn't happen with a proprietary vendor solution. Open source systems such as Koha are customizable and flexible for all sizes and types of libraries.

The How

I would suggest that the Networking Advisory Council be given the charge to examine, plan and make recommendations regarding open source ILS systems (Koha and Evergreen) and other open source software (Vufind-library system mashups with web 2.0) which may be relevant. But we also need to keep on top of developments with OCLC and WorldCat local and how that relates to ILS's. Possibly some of the repurposed funds could go towards grants for libraries wishing to migrate to an open source ILS like the grants that are available to join Sirsi and the MSC. The grants would be for initial set up costs and migration and come through the Network Advisory Council. Repurposed funds might even support an MSL staff person to guide libraries moving to open source. OR—if funds are repurposed for OCLC and the MSC that MSC funds be used for a pilot of new members (a collaborative group of smaller libraries) to migrate to Koha or other open source ILS. Then as the "kinks" got worked out the new MSC2 could join the current MSC. By that time enough data will have been collected that the current MSC may also decide to move to open source.

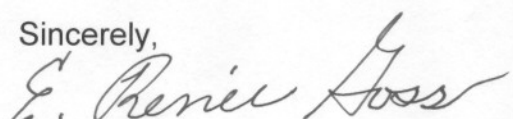
Could an open source ILS system be the answer for an affordable long term statewide ILS system? Other states are already moving in that direction. In reading the discussion on Wired November 11 (MSL staff attending Ohio conference), I agreed with much of their sentiment. Here were Bruce Newell's comments;

"I am reminded that focus and the ability to execute our dreams walk hand-in-hand with innovation. Without one of these legs (focus, execution, innovation) on our three-legged stool, we fall over. And trying new things, with the possibility of failing, takes courage. I guess that gives our stool four legs."

I think with these four legs we should move forward to execute our dreams and repurpose funds towards helping libraries move to an open source ILS.

The interest and concern of the Montana State Library and the Commission to listen to the library community is very much appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to explain the 2009 Legislative changes and giving all of us the opportunity to express our ideas and be a part of this legislative process.

Sincerely,



E. Renee Goss