

Statewide Projects Updates
MSL Network Advisory Council
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MontanaLibrary2Go: <http://www.montanalibrary2go.org>

Phases One and Two have gone live with this statewide downloadable E-content project through OverDrive. There are currently 21 libraries in the project. Phase Three begins implementation in January. These libraries are part of Phase Three:

Lincoln County Library System (Libby, Eureka and Troy)
Glasgow City-County Library
Butte Public Library
Clancy Community Library
Boulder Community Library

The statewide Selection Team manages collection development through OverDrive's Content Reserve module, a listserv and virtual meetings. Monthly content selection is done on a rotating basis by these libraries:

Missoula Public Library
Flathead County Library
Parmly Billings Library
Lewis and Clark Library
Great Falls Public Library

The selecting library for each month creates lists for the full Selection Team to review, in these 4 areas and total dollar amounts each month (funding comes directly from the amounts collected by current participating libraries through June, 2009):

Juvenile: \$900
Young Adult: \$500
Non-Fiction: \$1300
Fiction: \$2000

Remaining 2008 LSTA funding approved by the MSL Commission for this project will be expended in the following ways:

1. \$12,000 will be deposited at OverDrive to cover OverDrive's one-time startup "library participation fee" of \$1500/new library. Libraries needing help with this fee would be covered by this account. This would help 8 additional libraries with this fee. 8 libraries in Phases Two and Three have been covered by this fee. OverDrive waived the fee for Phase One libraries.
2. \$9,000 will be deposited at OverDrive towards the purchase of additional content. The Selection Team will select that content, some of which may be Maximum

Access titles as determined by evaluating usage reports. This purchase would be in addition to the regular monthly purchases which are funded by the participating libraries.

09 LSTA is not firm yet. If there is FY09 LSTA devoted to this project, the recommendation to the NAC is that it be applied primarily to covering the library participation fee charged by OverDrive. The libraries already in the project include several large public libraries and the current collection budget based on the group's local cost formula is able to cover content purchases independent of LSTA.

HeritageQuest Online:

48 out of 80 public libraries contributed local funding under a shared cost formula to purchase a year's subscription to HeritageQuest Online for all Montana public libraries. LSTA money was added to cover the final total cost. ProQuest has offered several webinars and participation has been high. There was significant demand throughout the state for an online genealogy tool and the library and patron responses to this resource have been enthusiastic. The subscription runs through September, 2009.

Montana Memory Project:

The Montana Memory Project is showing significant increased use since the Historical Society Library added existing content and joined this effort as a fiscal and management partner. There have been MMP trainings at the Fall Workshop, at regional County History Initiative conferences coordinated by the Historical Society and at the Flathead County Library. The World Museum of Mining is in the initial planning stages to load images and metadata to the MMP, with help from UM Mansfield Library. A "project planning" document is now required of all interested participants, to help with project evaluation

([http://msl.state.mt.us/For Librarians/For All Librarians/Digitization/Montana Memory Project/default.asp](http://msl.state.mt.us/For_Librarians/For_All_Librarians/Digitization/Montana_Memory_Project/default.asp))

A "digital summit" involving statewide parties (UM, MSU, MSL, Historical Society, the Northwest Digital Archives and others) is being planned for April or May, primarily to discuss long term access options. Recommendations for a statewide preservation tool will be sent to the NAC following the summit.

OCLC-Montana Group Contract:

Several factors play into any discussion of the Montana OCLC local cost formula. The proposed revisions to the Montana Information Access statute may impact the local formula. However, any affects of a possible infusion of money into the statewide OCLC costs would not be seen until FY2011. Additionally, OCLC is in the process of substantially changing their training, support and billing structure. Based on these considerations and the current contract period (FY09-FY11), the recommendation to the NAC is not to pursue changing the formula at this time.

Full cataloging by copy cataloging libraries: possible pilot:

Idaho is poised to start a year long pilot that would “allow” copy cataloging libraries under their local cost formula to do limited amounts of full cataloging where the material held is unique. These libraries would use the Dublin Core record format when cataloging limited collections of material and be trained beforehand through webinars produced by OCLC Western. Montana libraries and other cultural institutions face a similar need, particularly in the area of potential digital preservation. The request to the NAC is to approve the Statewide Projects Librarian’s pursuing this option along with Idaho, for a limited period. The purpose of the pilot would be to determine 1.) the level of interest and participation, 2.) the volume of cataloging that results, and 3.) new ways to price libraries’ participation in the OCLC group services contract.