

Courier Pilot

The launch of the courier pilot has been delayed by the State contract's requirement that the courier post a performance security bond, which has taken Medical Logistics Solutions time to complete with their insurance company. As of 3/17, payment of that bond is on its way to State Procurement. The contract will then be signed and we'll be ready to start. MLS has sent drivers to several Dropsites where they have introduced themselves to the library staff and dropped off the bins ordered by MLS. Lewis and Clark Library has been added as a Dropsite, due to its proximity to one of the courier's sorting centers (Helena). See Agenda Item 9.3 in the NAC meeting materials at http://msl.state.mt.us/About_MSL/network_advisory_council/network_tf_materials.asp to view the current list of participants ready to launch.

MontanaLibrary2Go: <http://www.montanalibrary2go.org>

Phase Seven new libraries were Manhattan Community Library and University of Montana Western-Carson Library. This brings the consortium to 41 members. The annual membership meeting will be May 6 at the Parmly Billings Library. The draft agenda includes looking again at the possibility of adding e-books and abridged materials to the collection, reviewing current loan policies and approving the FY11 cost formula.

WorldCat Local Pilot:

The [Missoula Public Library](http://missoulapl.worldcat.org/) (<http://missoulapl.worldcat.org/>) , [Montana State Library](http://montanastatelibrary.worldcat.org/) (<http://montanastatelibrary.worldcat.org/>) and the [MSU-Bozeman Libraries](http://msu.worldcat.org/) (<http://msu.worldcat.org/>) have completed implementation of individual Local instances. The need for an OpenURL Resolver to make searching for and access to full text successful has become clear in this first phase of the pilot. We've requested enhancements from OCLC to make the "home" link more customizable and make thumbnail results from the Montana Memory Project higher quality. OCLC has been made aware that the current pricing for Local, though customized for Montana, is still substantially too high for many Montana libraries, especially while libraries still pay for their local ILS. OCLC is interested in levels that would be more realistic for Montana. There are a handful of libraries interested in participating in Phase Two of this pilot.

EZProxy Pilot:

The Montana Shared Catalog libraries have been configured to make use of the MSL EZProxy pilot. Go to <http://mlngw.msl.mt.gov:2048/login> and enter your MSC patron card number if your library is an MSC member, to get an idea of the process. We are beginning the process of adding non-MSU libraries to the configuration and authentication into databases beyond the Gale, EBSCO and HeritageQuest subscriptions. Mike Price and OCLC are learning about statewide implementation of EZProxy together! Information about use of the statewide EZProxy is available at http://msl.state.mt.us/For_Librarians/Statewide_Projects/default.asp

Statewide Subscription Databases Update: See the memo, "Statewide Databases Funding Gap" in the NAC meeting materials at http://msl.state.mt.us/About_MSL/network_advisory_council/network_tf_materials.asp

Montana Memory Project: <http://mtmemory.org>

The Montana Memory Project's new Technical Support position, funded by FY09 LSTA, has enhanced substantially the level of support we can offer MMP participants. The .25 FTE position was filled by Caitlan Maxwell, Montana Historical Society Research Center, who now moves to a new position there. Christine Kirkham takes over this week. The first annual meeting of the MMP membership is April 8, at the Bozeman Public Library, 4:00-6:00 (during MLA). The MMP Steering Committee will present draft by-laws and a mission statement, cost formulas for the future and discuss the new WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway. The Gateway provides the cross-walk between records created in Dublin Core in the CONTENTdm Project Station and a MARC record in WorldCat.

Digital Archive:

A statewide subscription to OCLC's Digital Archive for long term preservation and storage of digital masters was purchased this month. The subscription runs through FY11. The first step in the implementation process involves OCLC creating a corresponding master in the Digital Archive, for all existing Montana Memory Project content where 1.) no master was created by the MMP participant and 2.) we have the MMP participant's approval. Ongoing, when MMP contributors upload items to the Montana Memory Project through the Project Station, they will be prompted to create a manifest for the Digital Archive, so that they can send a CD of their corresponding master files to the Digital Archive. If they upload items using the Connexion Digital Import process instead, they will upload a TIFF file, a corresponding JPEG or PDF file would be created automatically within the MMP and the TIFF automatically will be sent to the Digital Archive. Institutions not contributing to the MMP collections will also be able to utilize the statewide Digital Archive subscription, if desired.