

**Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) Update – October 28, 2010**  
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**MSC Staff:**

At its October 8 meeting the MSC membership voted unanimously to approve a budget proposal allowing the re-write of the job profiles for the two MSC Tech positions to more accurately reflect the duties of those positions and provide support for an anticipated upgrade of those positions into a higher pay band. The State Library will advertise to fill the current vacant position as soon as the job profile changes are completed and approved at the state level.

**MSC Phase XI (FY 2010) Libraries:**

The last of the FY2010 new libraries group, Ashland School, continues to manually add its records to the MSC database. Ashland will be eligible to go-live in the MSC after it has 80% of the school collection in the database.

**MSC Phase XII (FY2011) Libraries:**

The Hi-Line Shared Catalog System, consisting of Big Sandy Branch Library, Blaine County Library (Chinook), Galata Elementary, Harlem Public Library, Havre-Hill County Library, Havre High School, Havre Middle School, Highland Park School (Havre), Liberty County Library (Chester), Lincoln-McKinley School (Havre) and Sunnyside School (Havre) went live in MSC on October 13. The test data load for Petroleum County Library (Winnett) and Sidney-Richland County Library completed on October 28 and is currently undergoing re-indexing. Those two libraries will begin their test phase on November 1 and are scheduled to go-live on December 3. The next group, consisting of Glacier County Library (Cut Bank) and Sheridan County Library (Plentywood), will begin testing in late December. Copy cataloging training has been provided to the Darby School District and Sun River Valley schools (Fort Shaw). They both have recently begun adding their records manually into the MSC database. Arrangements for copy-cataloging training for the Absarokee Schools and Summit Prep School (Kalispell) have been made and those libraries are awaiting coordination with their assigned trainers before finalizing training dates.

**Symphony 3.3.1 Upgrade and New Production Server:**

The test server upgrade is complete. We have scheduled November 2 as the date to upgrade the operating system on the production server from AIX version 5.2 to 5.3. The MSC system will be down during the upgrade process. This upgrade is a requirement before we can install Symphony 3.3.1. After the current production server has completed the operating system and Symphony upgrade, MSC staff will migrate the entire system to the new production server.

### **MSC Recent Milestones:**

- A joint cooperative library effort between a public and academic library in Montana has been established by Parmly Billings Library and MSU-Billings College of Technology as the new "Parmly West" branch is now open for business on the campus.
- Missoula Public Library is adding another branch for students at Big Sky High School.
- The MSC collection surpassed 3 million items and continues to grow rapidly with libraries adding hundreds of new items daily plus the addition of the collections from the new libraries.
- With the addition of the Parmly West and Big Sky High School branches, the MSC will now consist of 133 member libraries and branches.