

MEMO

TO: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

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RE: Working Draft-LSTA FY 11 monies available for additional projects/services

I. These ongoing projects/services are included in the working draft LSTA FY11 list:

OCLC Group Services:

- OCLC Gap: Beginning in May each year, Montana libraries begin enrolling in Montana OCLC Group Services under the established local cost formula. In October, OCLC determines if there is any gap between that fiscal year's total cost for our statewide 15 simultaneous cataloging seats, cataloging, Interlibrary Loan, and the Group Catalog and what's been collected by OCLC from the enrolled libraries, as of October 1. If there is a gap, MSL would cover that amount.
- CONTENTdm is the software behind the Montana Memory Project, which is a collection of digital collections and items relating to Montana's cultural heritage. Many Montana libraries, museums, archives, and cultural institutions have added and are in the process of adding materials to this collection. Used storage space on the hosted server in Dublin, Ohio (OCLC) is hovering around 50% and 135,739 items as of February, 2011. The Montana State Library (MSL) and the Montana Historical Society Research Center share equally the annual software, storage and hosting costs for this statewide digitization project.

MSC New Libraries: The Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) is a library consortium that shares knowledge, skills, and resources among its membership as well as an Integrated Library System (ILS). Created in 2002 with the participation and financial commitment from 17 initial, multi-type libraries, the MSC now includes 133 Montana libraries. LSTA is used to assist new libraries in joining the MSC with funding amounts based on the number of bibliographic records, population served/FTE students, staff and faculty.

Statewide Training:

- Fall Workshop2012 will be the 14th annual MSL Fall Workshop, a 2-day training event for library workers from all types of libraries and for trustees. The FW features half-day sessions on a variety of topics – including those requested by

MT librarians -- and opportunities to network and share problems and solutions. There is no registration fee.

- Trustee training provides the opportunity for public library trustees to learn how to maximize their roles as local library leaders. Focused workshop sessions on topics specifically targeted to trustee interests insure that these local library leaders are prepared to face the challenges associated with providing leadership and direction for a dynamic public library. Additionally, trustees are provided the opportunity to network with their colleagues across the state, to be informed about the new trustee certification program, and to learn about additional resources available to them. The proposed funding covers two single day trustee trainings to be held in two locations around the state.

Expansion of the Open URL Resolver/ Integrated Discovery System Pilot: An open URL resolver and a webscale integrated discovery system are the missing pieces in the successful utilization of statewide subscription databases, catalogs, digital collections and a wide variety of other content. Without these, patrons are unable to seamlessly find and access full text materials and to search across multiple repositories, including, increasingly, centralized indexes of content. These additional tools represent the next steps in helping Montana libraries afford to give their patrons a one-search, “find it”, “get it” search experience. An RFP has been issued for a statewide contract(s). The initial 14 months of the pilot will take place through the cost efficient and potentially sustainable environment of the Montana Shared Catalog with its 133 libraries. The statewide databases, the Montana Memory Project and the SirsiDynix Shared Catalog system will be among the initial resources implemented for this group. Funding for the first 14 months has been provided in equal parts through FY10 LSTA and from the budget of the Shared Catalog membership. The second 12 months will focus on expansion to non-MSL libraries and the inclusion of additional external resources. The FY11 LSTA amount proposed would assist in covering some of the costs of this expansion, with the expectation that a cost sharing formula will be necessary to fully fund this expansion.

MontanaLibrary2Go: This project utilizes the OverDrive product to offer Montana library patrons a collection of downloadable E-content. MontanaLibrary2Go offers downloadable audio and e-book titles to patrons of participating libraries. Titles are available for download on MP3 players, iPods, Nooks, Sony Readers and other portable devices. 54 main and branch libraries currently participate in this project with new libraries added quarterly. The consortium members cover the cost of new content, which is selected monthly by a statewide selection team. MSL covers the cost of the annual hosting fee, assists new libraries with the one-time OverDrive participation fee and assists with the cost of obtaining MARC records from OCLC for new content.

Literacy Projects:

- Early Learning Statewide Initiative (Ready to Read) is in its second year of implementation. Brochures, bookmarks, signage and Read Goes Wild bins, have been a part of this popular project. 45 public and tribal libraries participated in the

Ready2Read program in FY10. It is expected that an additional 20 libraries will participate in FY11.

- Early Literacy Support Position: the funding proposed continues the 5/hour/week support position that manages the administrative tasks for the Early Learning Project. Administrative support includes production of additional early childhood programming materials, such as the Ready 2 the development of an early childhood roundtable through MLA and the coordination of a large-scale Train the Trainer workshop for three people from each federation. Research and development of a long-term plan to build connections with low-income families and developing statewide partnerships to foster these relationships is a second administrative task.
- Children's Services primary focus is the long established and popular Summer Reading Program which supplies materials and programming supplies to public libraries based on a central theme, for local programs targeted for young patrons ages 7-14.

Montana Memory Project .375 Technical Support Position: This position, which is a modified position at the Historical Society, provides substantial, necessary MMP training and support to contributing and interested institutions. These support tasks now include assistance with using the Digital Archive and training in the use of two traveling scanner/laptop sets that are loaned to institutions needing this equipment to enter material in the Montana Memory Project. Training includes a train-the-trainer approach to gradually build a network of MMP mentor institutions around the state.

II. These are suggestions for additional projects/services from MSL staff and the Montana library community:

HeritageQuest Online: The HeritageQuest Online database subscription has been in place for almost three years. The current subscription covers public libraries. The annual subscription cost has been met by a combination of contributions from public libraries based on a local cost formula and LSTA. There is interest in moving this into a statewide database subscription, making the resource available to other types of libraries and managing the funding of this particular resource through database funding rather than LSTA.

Go To Meeting statewide subscription: A statewide license to this online meeting tool would allow Montana libraries to hold virtual meetings for a wide variety of purposes, not limited to but including Federations, committees of partner libraries such as the MSC Partners, 4-Rivers, BridgerNet and others, MLA committees, MontanaLibrary2Go committees, and other uses.

Additional content for MontanaLibrary2Go: Patron demand at participating libraries for downloadable audio and, now, e-book formats is increasing substantially as patrons discover and use this service. The consortium's FY11 collection budget, funding for which comes completely from participating libraries, is about \$78,000 (additional revenue comes in as new libraries join during the year). Some members have made additional, single contributions to the budget particularly for the purchase of more downloadable e-books. These contributions have come from both large and small libraries, in amounts ranging from \$5000 to \$100. This suggestion for use of FY11 LSTA is the result of the continually increasing demand by patrons for this type of service from libraries, as experienced by the participating members.

Summer Institute revived The revival of the Summer Institute would provide training and networking opportunities for Montana librarians. The Institute would enable MSL to actively help library directors meet the new certification requirements. There would be 2 opportunities in 2 separate locations, to facilitate travel. Both sessions would be 2 days in length and take place in the summer.

Author Tour revived The Author Tour was highly successful in the past. This proposal would allow MSL to collaborate with libraries on author expenses to make it possible to bring an author to some of the smallest and most rural communities. Proposed funding would cover a 1-week tour, 12 presentations.

Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference The proposal is to send a selected group of 5-7 librarians to the Association for Rural & Small Libraries conference in Frisco, TX, September 8-11, 2011. The conference provides much needed support and networking to librarians serving our smallest communities.

III. Other suggestions for FY11 LSTA include statewide subscriptions to the following databases or online services. Several of these are referred to by area of interest in the current draft of the upcoming statewide database RFP, to be issued in April, 2011.

Online Homework Help Tool

<http://tutor.com>

<http://brainfuse.com/>

Optimal Resume

<https://www.optimalresume.com/libraries.html>

WorldBook Online

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb>

Rand McNally Classroom Online

<http://www.randmcnally.com/rmc/EdPub/action/startApp.do>

American Indian Experience

http://www.greenwood.com/mosaic/aie/product_info.aspx