

Memorandum

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council
From: Liz Babbitt, Statewide Projects Librarian, Sarah McHugh, Director of
Statewide Library Resources
Date: 2/29/2012
Re: Statewide Projects Update

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

Phase 14 new libraries are Conrad Public Library, Drummond School Community Library, Red Lodge Carnegie Library, and Twin Bridges Public Library. They went live at the end of November. Phase 15 is scheduled to go live by the end of February. These libraries are Belgrade Community Library, Laurel Public Library, Meagher County/City Library, Whitefish Community Library, Judith Basin County Library and its branch, Hobson, Toole County Library and its branch, North Toole County, Daniels County Library, and The University of Great Falls Library. This will bring the consortium to over 60 members. Phase 16 implementation begins in April and there are several libraries that have requested cost estimates.

In addition to \$10,000 in LSTA money, a donation of \$5000 from the Friends of the Bozeman Public Library and a \$10,000 Steele Reese grant obtained by Great Falls Public Library were put towards adding e-book titles during the holiday season.

The annual membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, in coordination with the Montana Shared Catalog spring meetings, in Lewistown.

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

Liz Babbitt and Sarah McHugh interviewed 2 candidates and hired a temporary employee through Westaff, with LSTA money approved by the commission to provide support for the Montana Memory Project. Katie Beall, starts work on February 27th and will eventually work remotely after an initial three or four week orientation and training. She will be providing technical assistance training, eventually traveling around the state to provide MMP participants support with their digitization projects.

There is \$7500 in LSTA money for grants to Montana institutions for digitizing collections to be added to the MMP. Liz Babbitt has been getting quotes for the cost of digitizing several types of items from Lyasis and Backstage. Grant recipients would work directly with the vendor chosen by MSL and MSL would be invoiced

by the vendor. A draft of the grant announcement has been sent to the MMP executive committee for comment.

As of December 31, 2011, there were 322,221 items and 35 published collections in the MMP.

Jo Flick and Liz Babbitt provided training at the Darby Community Library and the Lewistown Public Library in January.

The MMP annual membership meeting is scheduled to take place at MLA Annual. Meeting details will be forthcoming from the MMP Executive Committee.

Courier Project:

The Courier Pilot Project funded through the Montana State Legislature in FY10 and FY11 ended June 30, 2011. Many libraries were interested in continuing the project. Lee Miller from Butte Silver Bow Library contacted Critelli Couriers in Butte to gather information on pricing and areas served. In mid-January, five libraries began moving materials using Critelli Couriers. The cost is \$20 per stop for up to 5 crates and \$3 per crate thereafter.

The five libraries using Critelli Couriers are:

Hearst Free Library in Anaconda

Butte Silver Bow Library

Great Falls Public Library

Lewis & Clark Library in Helena

Missoula Public Library

In addition, Lewis and Clark Library and Missoula Public Library serve as hubs for secondary courier services already in place, bringing the total number of libraries in the extended system to 28.

Integrated Discovery System (“MT Statewide Library Resources”):

<http://mtslr.org>

Liz Babbitt, Mike Price, and Sarah McHugh have been working closely with EBSCO support to make Montana Statewide Library Resources available to each library around the state. All of the MSC ‘instances’ are live and a unique URL and customizable search boxes that can be added to library homepages are available in the each library’s Montana Library Directory pages under “EBSCO EDS”. EBSCO is now working on creating instances for non-MSL libraries. We have asked them to add these libraries in the following order: public libraries, academic libraries, special libraries and finally, school libraries. In the meantime, patrons at those libraries are able to access resources through the MSL instance: <http://mtslr.org>.

There is FY11 LSTA money remaining to add up to 3 additional catalogs to EDS by September 30, 2012. We are currently working with EBSCO to determine which types of catalogs would be suitable due to the necessity of daily ingests of MARC records to keep the catalog representation current.

For an agreed upon price, individual libraries can add EDS connectors to their own, individually purchased databases by working initially with Liz Babbitt and then directly with EBSCO. We have had a couple of libraries interested in looking at this option. EBSCO will provide a content overlap analysis between the database and EDS to determine if a connector is needed or if full-text articles can already be found in the EDS index.

Liz Babbitt will be providing EDS training at the Broad Valleys Federation meeting in March and the Sagebrush Federation meeting in April. Joint training and drop-in consultation provided by MSL and EBSCO will be available during the MLA Conference on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by EBSCO. Liz Babbitt will also discuss EDS as part of Significant Tidings at MLA. A second set of onsite trainings will take place in May, provided by an EBSCO trainer and focused on EDS and the statewide databases.

Montana State Library Geographic Literacy Campaign

Liz Babbitt has replaced Sarah McHugh as lead on the Montana State Library Geographic Literacy Campaign. Liz and Diane Papineau, MSL NRIS, are working to update the MSLGLC planning document and *Fishing Companion* by early April.

OCLC Group Services

Enrollment in FY 2013 OCLC Group Services will begin in early May. OCLC Cataloging and ILL costs will increase by 4.5% each in both FY2013 and FY2014. WorldCat and the Group Catalog costs will increase by 5% each. CONTENTdm will increase by 5%. This is the first time OCLC has increased pricing in our three year contracts since 2008. Please refer to the OCLC Group Services document for additional information.