

**STATEWIDE LIBRARY RESOURCES (SLR/LD)
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER 10
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING**

Activity Period: June 6-September 18, 2012

Goal One – Content - *Montana State Library (MSL) acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- Several donations contributed to the purchase of additional MontanaLibrary2Go audio and e-book titles, expanding the consortium's FY2013 collection budget.
- The "Librarily" Facebook app has been implemented in 4 more MSC libraries.
- MSC hired 4 temp catalogers to begin a 4 month project to "clean-up" duplicate records in the catalog database.

Goal Two—Access – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

- Summer Reading Program manuals for 2013 were ordered for all public and branch libraries and distribution of the manuals began at the Fall Workshop. The theme for next year is 'Dig Into Reading'.
- Continued distribution of the 2012 edition of *Montana Bird Distribution* to all public and branch libraries. The MBD is being donated to libraries by Montana Audubon.
- Began work with Montana Memory Project Executive Committee on updating the project planning document, reviewing the project guidelines, and establishing a formal grant application process. Provided information to librarians interested in adding collections to the MMP.
- Worked with EBSCO support to add the catalogs of the Butte Silver Bow Public Library, Great Falls Public Library and Lewis and Clark Public Library to the EBSCO Discovery Service ("Discover It").
- Added nine new libraries to MontanaLibrary2Go
- The MSC's Symphony ILS upgraded to version 3.4.1 (SP1)
- Darby Schools, Absarokee Schools, Baker Schools and Red Lodge Carnegie Public libraries went live in the MSC.

Goal Three – Training- *MSL provides libraries, agencies, its partners and Montanans with appropriate trainings and training resources so that they can make the best use of the resources offered.*

- MSL Learning/Training portal drafted and presented to librarians at Fall Workshop for feedback. Training staff is meeting twice a week to continue to add content and develop this collaborative site: <http://training.wp.msl.mt.gov/>
- DiscoverIt! – Just the Basics online training to small groups over the summer.
- Montana Memory Project webinars included an introductory session, a session on “Archiving & Document Preservation” and a session on “Getting Started with Content DM”
- HomeworkMT webinar with a focus on “Conducting Community Outreach” for this statewide resource
- Online sessions were offered on an introduction to grant writing
- MSC classroom refresher and new library training sessions held
- MSC training webinars presented on Directors Station and ILS client upgrade procedures and overview of enhancements
- MSL lending lab of laptop computers was expanded with 12 new computers. 12 computers have now been designated to the MSC for training. There are now 36 computers total, with 24 available to circulate for MSL related training and to libraries, partners, and state agencies to promote training opportunities.
- Fall Workshop sessions were offered on e-content and libraries, collection management, tracking statistics, the MSL Learning Portal, WebJunction, and the Montana Memory Project.
- Planning and preparing individual and regional trainings, upcoming webinars, and for this fall’s trustee clinics.

Goal Four - Consultation and Leadership - *MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.*

- Montana Certification Program for Librarians, Staff and Trustees – 22 certificates were awarded during this report period and 57 MSL/MLA/Federation training events were added to the master CE list to help program participants track their credits.
- SWIM Library Education Project – see project update memo

- Participated in the MSC Executive Committee's annual summer retreat
- MSC Director visited Havre, Clancy, Whitehall, Joliet and Big Timber libraries
- 24 Summer Library Leadership participants continued work on their projects over the summer. Two Webinars were held to provide continuing support toward the leadership program's outcomes. A capstone meeting and dinner for the library leaders was held at Fall Workshop to collect data on their professional advancement and evaluation feedback on the project.
- Coordinated research and presentation on statewide library leadership programs at the CE Coordinators' Forum, Seattle, WA. A research summary was authored by the MSL Training and Development Specialist for the event.
- The Statewide Consulting Librarians continue to visit public libraries to assist library directors, answer questions about library management and practices, highlight various MSL projects, and work with board members at the library. The goal of the consultants is to visit each public library in Montana at least once a year.
- Consultants have been contacting public library directors to learn more about the number of libraries who are funded generally versus the number who are funded with dedicated levies. The consultants have also been asking about interlocal agreements and for general comments on the AG opinion and its impact.

Goal Five-Collaboration - *MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.*

- The Connecting to Collections Project final report was submitted to IMLS. Montana's survey, data analysis, brochure and reports will be submitted to IMLS and preserved in the CTC digital archive.
- Three librarians were selected to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference in September in Lexington, Kentucky. LSTA funds will be used to pay expenses for Wendy Campbell (director, Darby Community Public Library), Debbie Wellman (director, Chouteau County Library), and Rebekah Kamp (systems administrator, Belgrade Community Library) to attend. The librarians will make a report on their ARSL experiences following the conference.
- LSTA agreements to assist with the initial startup costs for up to six months for these new participants in the current courier project: Livingston Public Library, Belgrade Community Library, Havre-Hill County Library, Glendive Public Library and Whitehall Community Library.

- Plains Library District joined the MSC Partners sharing group.
- MSC Staff met with Missoula County Public Schools staff to coordinate and plan their migration into the MSC.

Goal Six — Sustainable Success - *MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.*

- Submitted Montana's LSTA 5-Year Plan 2013-2018 to IMLS after it was accepted by the Commission in June.
- Sue Jackson added the management of the Montana Memory Project to her position responsibilities. Jo Flick will take over the management of the Montana Certification Program.
- Hired Cara Orban as the new Statewide Projects Librarian.
- Attended the Gates Bold Visions and Collective Capacity Convening in Anaheim, CA
- Signed 10-year contract (with annual renewal) with SirsiDynix for them to provide software and services for the MSC.

Maps and Detail Reports of Statewide Library Resources activity for this report time period can be viewed at [http://msl.mt.gov/For Librarians/Activity Tracking/](http://msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Activity_Tracking/)
SLR activity is organized by six general categories:

Continuing Education

Federations

Library Development

Statewide Databases and Online Resources

Statewide Downloadable E-Content

Statewide Resource Sharing