

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Cara Orban

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Re: Statewide Projects Report

Statewide Projects site: http://msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Statewide_Projects/default.asp

Courier

The State Library continues to provide some support to the second phase of the statewide courier project, which is being independently managed through Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, primarily by facilitating communication between members and administrators and by providing LSTA funding for startup fees.

In the past month, much conversation has taken place between the State Library, the courier administrators, and member library representatives in order to clarify terms of service and to make routing procedures more consistent and efficient. As a result, we initiated these tasks:

- Updated the courier listserv to include staff from all currently participating libraries
- Conducted a brief survey to resolve all remaining questions about routing procedures.
- Lee Miller is compiling additional resources for participants for the courier page that links out from MSL's statewide projects page.

\$9404 in LSTA funding for courier startup remains. Although several libraries have expressed interest in the courier, some have not been able to commit to the project, citing budget considerations or that an insufficient volume of materials they would need to ship would not justify the cost of service. As of November 5, three libraries (Bozeman Public Library, Dillon Public Library, and Thompson-Hickman County Library) had expressed interest in LSTA funding for the courier but had not confirmed whether they would be participating.

The libraries currently making use of the LSTA startup funding are:

- Belgrade Public Library
- Glendive Public Library
- Havre-Hill County Library
- Livingston-Park County Library
- Whitehall Community Library

The libraries contacted regarding the available funding that did not commit to the project at this time:

- Fallon County Library

- Lewistown Public Library
- Three Forks Community Library

For a list of all libraries currently participating in the courier, go to:

<http://www.buttepubliclibrary.info/wp-content/uploads/Courier-Destination-Chart-9-20-12-1.pdf>

MontanaLibrary2Go

MontanaLibrary2Go members held an executive committee election via GoToMeeting. The elected officials:

Trista Smith, Bitterroot Public: At Large
Kelly Anne Terry, Lewistown Public: Medium Public Libraries
Susie McIntyre, Great Falls Public: At Large
Debbi Kramer, Three Forks Community: Small Public Libraries
Karla Ritten, Lewis and Clark Library: Large Public Libraries

The State Library will work with the executive committee to draft bylaws and to identify priorities for the management of MontanaLibrary2Go.

A Content Reserve training will take place via webinar on December 6 to provide a refresher on running statistical reports and discovering what resources are available via the OverDrive Support Center.

A total of 80 libraries will be participating in the program when Phase 17 libraries (Livingston-Park County Library and Stone Child College Library) are added at the end of November. MontanaLibrary2Go currently offers nearly 11,000 titles, evenly divided between ebooks and downloadable audiobooks.

The program has been very popular. In response to the ever-changing relationship between libraries and publishers that is inspiring alternative models of purchasing and providing access to e-content, I will be investigating many options, and will present all viable options to the NAC, the new MontanaLibrary2Go executive committee, and the membership.

Discover It! EBSCO Discovery Service

I have been looking extensively at how EDS is being used in both school and public libraries and how we might improve searching and displaying results by using customized templates. I have been soliciting input from the library consultants and from our training specialist at EBSCO as well.

Lisa Dennis, the EDS training specialist from EBSCO, will lead a basic training for library staff at four different locations in November. I will attend the Bozeman Public Library and Helena Public Schools trainings and solicit input from the attendees regarding additional customization.

Great Falls Public Library's catalog has been successfully integrated into EDS. EBSCO is still working to customize relevancy rankings so that GFPL's results appear at the top exclusively for GFPL, while MSC

results surface first for other libraries. The catalogs of Butte-Silver Bow Public Library and Lewis & Clark Library will also be integrated soon, and we hope to have the same solution for those locations as well.

EZ Proxy

EZProxy is a proxy server hosted by OCLC that facilitates remote access to web-based proprietary content subscribed to by libraries. Using EZProxy, library patrons can use a single authentication system to gain remote access to unique licensed content.

During Phase I, the State Library is working with OCLC to implement EZProxy for the member libraries of the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC). As of last week, OCLC Support is working to create unique referring URL's for each library in the MSC, using a lookup table containing EBSCO client ID information, so the patron will have access to all EBSCO content subscribed to by their local MSC library.