

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

\$3,903 remains in LSTA funding for the courier project. This balance may decrease pending agreements with Glendive Public Library and Dillon Public Library.

Bozeman Public Library has joined the courier service and is now serving as the hub for the BridgerNet libraries. MSU Billings also joined the courier in February.

Discover It! EBSCO Discovery Service

Catalogs for Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, Great Falls Public Library, and Lewis and Clark Library have been integrated into Discover It!. Relevancy rankings for each library's profile in Discover It! have been configured so that their respective catalog records are weighted to surface above other results in most cases. Each of these three libraries has been asked to evaluate their Discover It! profile and provide feedback.

Interlibrary loan forms have been added to all profiles and customized to comply with lending agreements for each library.

In coordination with Jo Flick, I am developing a couple of online sessions in March to provide intermediate training for customizing profiles in EBSCO Admin.

EZproxy

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.

Montana Shared Catalog libraries can now take advantage of EZproxy for library card authentication into Discover It and certain other standalone databases. Libraries that have a SIP protocol license can also set up authentication with EZproxy.

MontanaLibrary2Go

The MontanaLibrary2Go Executive Committee held their first meeting on December 21 via teleconference. During that conversation, the committee agreed to meet in person in Helena on January 23 and set an agenda for that meeting.

On January 23, the committee met at Lewis and Clark Library and held a review and discussion of the MontanaLibrary2Go bylaws draft, in which the executive committee's roles and responsibilities were distinguished from those of the selection committee, and the workflow between the Governing Board (general membership), Selection Committee, and Executive Committee was more clearly defined. The committee also decided upon a recommendation for changes to the cost share formula to share with the Governing Board, who will vote to approve this and the overall MontanaLibrary2Go budget for the next fiscal year at the general membership meeting in Miles City on May 1. Dates and agendas for other committee meetings were also tentatively set for March and April. The Executive Committee will next meet by teleconference on March 20.

OverDrive upgraded their Content Reserve administrative site on February 14 to expand its browser compatibility and simplify the processes of running reports and collection development. Changes for the end-user, such as OverDrive READ, will be rolling out later in the spring.

E-Content Pilot

I attended ALA Midwinter to gather information from sessions and discussions on current ebook lending and acquisitions models, and to discuss similar plans with other state agency and consortium representatives. Among these were a panel discussion on ALA's official position on the relationship between libraries and publishers and what resources ALA has developed to help libraries understand and negotiate contracts with publishers and vendors; a session on the opportunities and challenges of enhanced ebooks; and a discussion with Douglas County Libraries and Califa on the progress they have made with their independent platforms and policies.

Following these sessions and my discussions with others involved with e-content projects, including Califa's lead developer, I narrowed my focus to two main options that would enable MSL to make independently purchased content available through existing access points like the MSC and Discover It:

1. Purchase an Adobe Content Server and host our own content which may be secured with DRM
2. Purchase DRM-free content that we can share on a platform such as Internet Archive's Open Library.

The next steps are to assess the time, labor, and staff expertise necessary to implement the first option, and how item records from either option may integrate with existing ILS and discovery layers. I plan to discuss these options with the MontanaLibrary2Go Executive Committee on March 20, and have a plan for implementation in place prior to MLA.