

Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL) March 30, 2013 – May 17, 2013

Prepared for the June 12, 2013, Commission meeting by
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staff: Briggs, Gunderson, Landry, Meier, Stanton, Harris and 90 volunteers.

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

- Completed NEW Montana Digital Book (MDB) titles: *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana* by Chere Juisto and Christine Brown, 305 pgs; *Bound Like Grass: A Memoir from the Western High Plains* by Ruth McLaughlin, 184 pgs; *Forever Friends: The Journey of Two Families from Civil War Virginia to Montana Territory, 1860-1868* by Lenore McKelvey Puhek, 315 pgs.
- NEW MDB's currently in Review process: *The Land of Empty Houses* by John L. Moore, 266 pgs; *A Life In Time-A woman's Journey from Orphanage to Peace Corps* by Kaye Stone, 205 pgs; *Murder Makes me Nervous* by Margaret Scherf, 220 pgs; *Bushwack* by Richard S. Wheeler, 185 pgs; *Goodbye Wives and Daughters* by Susan Kushner Resnick, 227 pgs; *600 Hours of Edward* by Craig Lancaster, 278 pgs.

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

- The Patron Outreach Project (POP) Progress: Preparation of Press Kits for statewide Outreach Sponsors and Presenters; statewide TV and radio ads continue to play.
- Circulation: (Apr-May) - **USPS: 32,538** (increase over last report); Downloaded (**BARD**): (Mar-Apr) – 4293 (increase of 1,000 over previous 2 months). Total BARD patrons and institutions: 223. Of those, 173 downloaded materials in Mar. & Apr.
- Interlibrary loans: 14 Montana titles to out of state patrons; 145 BARD digital books loaned to non-BARD Montana patrons.
- New Patrons: (Apr) – 43; (May) – 24 so far; Total: 67

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.*

- MTBL-BARD training was provided to 3 new BARD patrons in Apr. & May

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

- Outreach Presentations Completed:

April- Montana Association f/t Blind-Great Falls; Montana Library Association Conference-Missoula;

May- Montana Optometric Association Conference-Missoula; Montana Association f/t Blind-Butte; BLVS Support Group-Great Falls; Senior Companion Program-Bozeman; Governor's Conference on Aging-Great Falls; St. Peter's Hospital Fountain of YouthFest-Helena.

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

- Apr. & May: No new volunteers were recruited.
- May: MTBL staff covered for LIS staff one-day retreat.

Goal Six – Sustainable Success – *MSL/MTBL 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.*

- In-services and educational meetings attended by MTBL staff:

April- Keystone Library Automated Systems User Conference-Chicago;

MonTech inservice-Missoula; National Library Service Open Forum Conf. Call; WordPress meetings.

May- National Library Service Open Forum Conf. Call; Overdrive/BookShare in-service-Helena.