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Bozeman Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

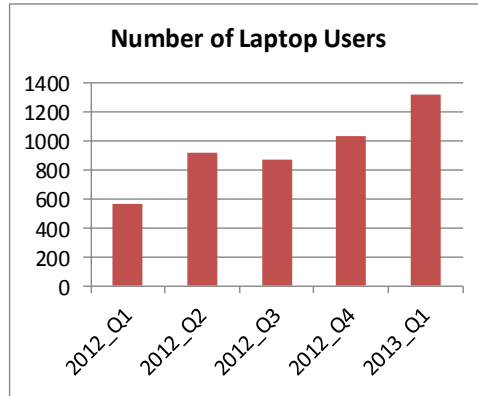
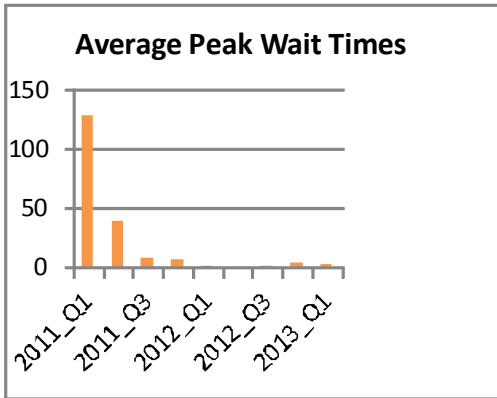
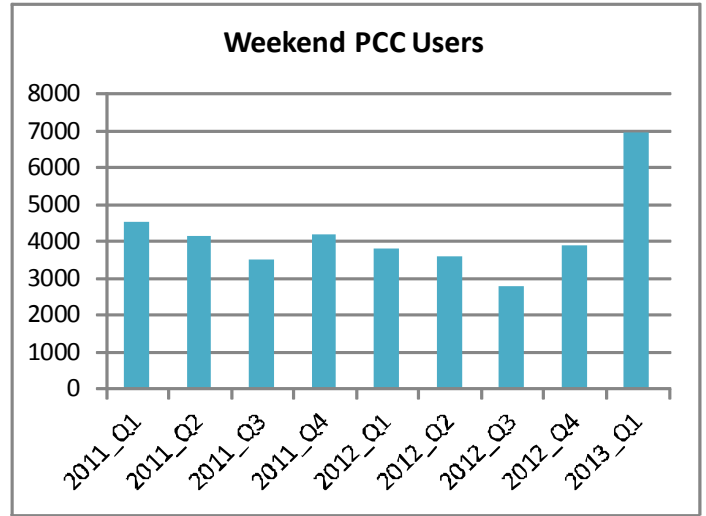
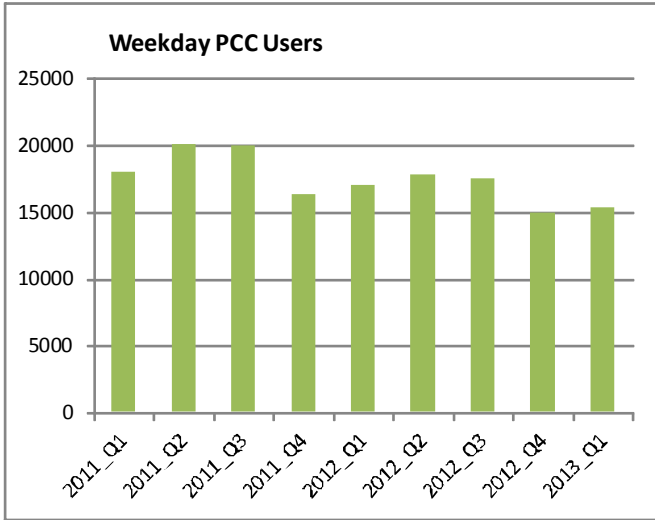
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Bresnan	7.00	38.00

Bozeman Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

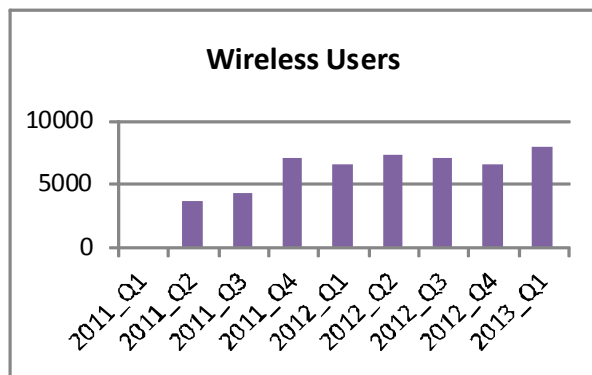
- ◆ 28 desktop computers
- ◆ 12 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 laptop storage cart
- ◆ 1 scanner
- ◆ 1 JAWs blind software
- ◆ 1 MAGic low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText Cameras with stand
- ◆ 28 privacy screens
- ◆ 2 low dexterity mice
- ◆ 2 low vision keyboards
- ◆ 2 Bierley magnification mice
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > We have partnered with members of the MSU-Bozeman chapter of the Association of Women in Computing to provide one-on-one assistance during classes.
- > We received a new document scanner and put it out for public use April 18. It has been used 18 times so far and is greatly appreciated by patrons.
- > As part of the City IT dept's "Geek Week" the Library taught classes to city staff on using eReaders to download books from MtLib2Go, as well as demonstrating the many databases available.

Public Computer Center Usage



Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
283.02	21794	198