

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Cara Orban, Statewide Projects Librarian

Date: November 12, 2013

Re: Statewide Projects Librarian update

Databases

Subscriptions for the statewide EBSCO and Tutor.com databases and online services were renewed for another two years (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015).

Due to cost increases, we will no longer be able to offer unlimited tutoring sessions, but we will have up to 9,325 sessions, with the option of adding more sessions mid-contract, if necessary. This service is available to ALL Montanans.

The EBSCO Treasure Hunt for the Treasure State took place the week of 10/27-11/2. K-12 students and adults made use of the Discover It! search tool in order to find answers to reference questions from four different age group categories. Pizza parties were awarded for the top two elementary classes, and iPods for middle school, high school, and adult winners.

Discover It: MSL staff have coordinated or led many in-person trainings for customizing individual library Discover It profiles, crossing the state from Missoula and Kalispell in the west to Lewistown and out to Crow Agency and Miles City in the east. Plans are underway to integrate additional statewide resources as options for all libraries to use in Discover It, including the Montana Field Guide and GIS map data.

LSTA

Montana received a visit from IMLS representative Timothy Owens, May 14-16. Cara joined Mr. Owens, along with Sarah McHugh, on a day-long visit to the Pathfinder Federation meeting in Ft. Benton, to Judith Basin Library in Stanford, to Meagher County Library in White Sulphur Springs, and to Broadwater School Community Library in Townsend. The purpose of this visit was to highlight the effects of federal LSTA funding in Montana libraries, which include support for MontanaLibrary2Go, the Montana Shared Catalog, OCLC Group Services, Ready2Read, and the Montana Memory Project.

Cara is assuming the LSTA coordinator duties previously administered by Sue Jackson.

MontanaLibrary2Go

OverDrive is accepting rolling enrollment for new libraries in MontanaLibrary2Go. Interested libraries can get in touch with Cara Orban for details on costs and setup details.

Additional libraries added this year: MSU Billings, MSU Bozeman, MSU Northern, and Wedsworth Memorial Library. Fort Peck Community College expects to join after their go-live date for the Montana Shared Catalog.

The MontanaLibrary2Go membership met in Miles City in May and voted to approve the cost share formula and content budget for FY14. The Executive Committee moved the date of the annual membership meeting for 2014 to coincide with the MLA annual conference members based on the results of a survey the membership was asked to complete. The Selection and Executive Committees will meet in Helena to draft a budget and cost share proposal for FY15 as part of an effort to provide those estimates to the membership at an earlier date.

The MontanaLibrary2Go Executive Committee held an executive committee election on Tuesday, October 29 to fill the two open seats representing a middle-sized library and an at-large representative. Trista Smith and KellyAnne Terry were reelected and will serve an additional two years on the committee.

MSL staff began developing a pilot over the summer to make additional e-content available to MontanaLibrary2Go members. Content will be centered around small publishing press and content of special interest to Montana residents. Local authors or self-published authors, or local publishers with material that might be appropriate in this collection may also submit content for consideration. The MontanaLibrary2Go Selection Committee will meet in Helena on February 6th and will review the existing selection policy as it pertains to this pilot.

OCLC Group Services

The deadline to migrate to OCLC WorldShare ILL has actually been extended to next April and May.

- ✓ All new requests must be placed in WorldShare ILL (no new requests placed in WorldCat Resource Sharing): **April 14, 2014**
- ✓ End of access to WorldCat Resource Sharing: **May 19, 2014**

Library staff can still use the new platform at this time and are encouraged to do so, but Worldcat Resource Sharing will continue to be available until April. There may be a training and orientation session at MLA, with a trainer from OCLC on site to answer questions.

The final enrollment spreadsheet for OCLC Group Services was submitted to OCLC in mid-October, and the final "gap" to be paid was agreed upon at \$23,160.85.

ARSL Conference

Three librarians from three different federations in Montana attended the Association of Rural and Small Libraries annual conference in Omaha at the end of September. They received scholarships of up to \$1500 through LSTA funding to attend. They were:

Mary Driscoll, D'Arcy McNickle Library, Salish Kootenai College (Tamarack)
Gladys Rayhill, Belt Community Library (Pathfinder)
Debbie Benedict, Meagher County Library (Broad Valleys)

They will be writing reports on their experience to share with their colleagues.