

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

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Re: Final Recommendations from the Library District Task Force

Following the initial release of the task force's draft recommendations at the December State Library Commission meeting, the State Library and the Montana Library Association used the months of December and January to seek feedback about the task force recommendations from the Montana Library community.

To that end we drafted a survey that asked if people generally supported, opposed or neither supported nor opposed the overall recommendations. Survey respondents were also given the opportunity to express support or opposition to the three proposed recommendations that called for legislative action and they had the opportunity to comment on each. Summary data from the survey follows the recommendations.

Through continued discussion and review of the survey results the Library District Task Force reached consensus on all recommendations. In summary, the task force recommends that the Montana State Library and the Montana Library Association not seek to modify the statutes that govern library districts during the 2015 legislative session.

Their recommendations also provide good guidance to the State Library on ways that we can better promote and support the creation of library districts around the state.