

Memo

To: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

From: Jo Flick, Continuing Education Coordinator

Date: February 25, 2015

Re: Statewide Training Update

**Trustee Training:** Sage Solutions consulting services has been hired to conduct training at 3 sites, coordinated with Spring Federation meetings in Butte (2/27), Joliet (3/21) and Wolf Point (4/25). The topic is succession planning and managing leadership transitions.

**2015 Summer Leadership Institute:** Cheryl Gould, a charter member of the InfoPeople group of California, has been hired to facilitate our 2015 Summer Leadership Institute and the Rising Wolf Ranch near East Glacier Park has been reserved. SAVE THE DATE: July 6-9. Applications to attend will be posted in the Library Directory in early May.

**GoToMeeting Pilot:** Pam Henley and I are collaborating on training and support for this pilot. We are offering webinars, a twice-per-month drop-in help clinic and have a page on the learning portal that links to resources. Headsets approved for purchase have arrived and are being distributed at Federation Meetings. We'll have them at the MLA Conference to pick up as well.

**Projectors/Speakers for the Tablet Labs:** This equipment has arrived and will be put to work at upcoming trainings this Spring. We purchased a Bluetooth projector, speakers and a mic which will allow trainers to model these technologies as we incorporate these smaller devices into our trainings. Several MSL trainers are planning to utilize the tablets for hands-on activities at MLA, so you will see this new equipment in action.

**Fall Workshops 2015 (Proposed FY15 LSTA):** As the staff presents options for Fall Workshops within our current budget to the NAC and Commission, planning is underway, although exact dates and a location will not be determined until after the April 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting when the budget is approved. The recommendation of your MSL staff is to plan for attendees to have lunch on their own at this event, which will allow the State Library to manage the growing number of attendees without having to scale back the quality or quantity of the training provided.

**DiscoverIt! & Database training:** The database-a-week training concept was reprised in January-February. We had a good group of librarians attend most of the six sessions which I co-presented with Alana Mueller-Brunckhorst. Pam Henley debuted her ReDiscover Discover It! Recurring webinar recently which is replacing the JUST THE BASICS and MORE PRACTICE SEARCHING webinars that I had been offering. She has had very good attendance.

**Certification Applications:** As an update, applications for certification in December were almost all made online – of the 18 certificate applications received in Oct-Dec, only one was

submitted by mail. This new process has reduced typos, improved the data we collect and retain, and is clearly very popular with our applicants.