

Federation Annual Report FY 2015 July 2014 Through June 2015

SIGNATURES

Federation	Sagebrush		
Coordinator's Library	Miles City Public Library		
Coordinator	Sonja Woods		
	Signature _____	Date _____	
Chairperson - Board of Trustees	Betty Berger		
	Signature _____	Date _____	

The Coal Severance Tax (CST) Revenue Accountability Report System requires the Federation Annual Report. The report relates to the Plan of Service, which was adopted at the beginning of the fiscal year as a planning document.

AWARD/EXPENSE SUMMARY

Total CST Award: \$18,980.39
Total CST Expended: \$18,980.39

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

Program 1 - CONTINUING ED, TRAINING AND TRAVEL	\$3,818.55
Program 2 - TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE SHARING	\$13,711.84
Program 3 - COMMUNICATION/PR AND CONSULTATION	\$350.00
Program 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$1,100.00
	Total: \$18,980.39

EXPENDITURES BY LIBRARY

Library	Status	Total Award	Award Expenses	Local Expenses
Ekalaka Public Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$412.26
Fallon County Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$695.74
Garfield County Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$0.00
George McCone Memorial County Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$0.00
Glendive Public Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$170.43
Henry A Malley Memorial Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$1,525.00
Miles City Public Library	Active	\$6,158.99	\$6,158.99	\$205.57
Prairie County Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$224.60
Sidney-Richland County Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$397.20
Wibaux Public Library	Active	\$1,424.60	\$1,424.60	\$949.11
	Totals:	\$18,980.39	\$18,980.39	\$4,579.91

PUBLIC VALUE SUMMARY BY PROGRAM

Program 1 - CONTINUING ED, TRAINING AND TRAVEL

Narrative

Knowledgeable and trained staff and trustees are able to provide quality library services to their communities. Toward this end the following activities will be funded as money allows. (Examples: Montana Library Association (MLA) Conferences/Training, Offline, Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) or other community trainings).

Each member library may choose how much, if any, funding to designate toward training opportunities and travel expenses.

Training by qualified library representatives, individuals or State Library Staff will be provided at each Sagebrush Federation Meeting at no cost to the individual libraries.

Public Value

Fallon County Library - Networking with area librarians and obtaining training on new and existing systems.

Prairie County Library - Staff attended meeting for networking and sharing of ideas with other libraries.

Garfield County Library - This was my first Federation meeting as the new Garfield County Library Director - what a great learning experience. It was so great to meet the incredible group of women that run the libraries of the Sagebrush Federation. Thank you so much for providing the funds for me to travel to the meeting!

Sidney-Richland County Library - Active membership in the Sagebrush Foundation

Wibaux Public Library - Networking with colleagues, training, and Sagebrush business opportunities.

Ekalaka Public Library - training, professional networking, sagebrush business .

Sidney-Richland County Library - We have an entirely new staff for programming. One of our goals is to greatly increase our program offerings to all age groups in the community.

Sidney-Richland County Library - Dedicated laptop for staff use in community presentations, training events and programming.

Miles City Public Library - Professional networking, sharing program ideas, keeping members informed of statewide ongoing projects and new technology.

Miles City Public Library - Keeping the Library Commission informed of regional Sagebrush programs, activities, and concerns.

Miles City Public Library - Provided programming supplies for youth patrons served with 8 weeks of summer reading program and activities.

Program 2 - TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE SHARING

Narrative

Monies received in this category will be expended toward technology-related resources that strengthen Federation-wide access: OCLC, Shared Catalog Expenses, software, hardware, virtual reference, online databases, portable reading/audio devices, etc.

Un-expended monies may be redirected toward technology (training, online database purchases such as MontanaLibrary2Go, professional development opportunities, or book discussion kits) or postage/shipping

costs to cover resource/materials sharing.

The Federation will cover the cost for the Annual Subscription from Movie Licensing USA for all ten participating libraries. This purchase allows the license to be affordable for all libraries and to be in compliance with publicly showing films to patrons.

Each member library may choose how much, if any, funding to designate toward technology and resource sharing opportunities.

Public Value

Fallon County Library - The capability to peruse and borrow from all catalogs in the consortium thereby increasing my patron's access to information.
Making membership in Partners possible, thereby decreasing shipping costs of library materials to and from consortium libraries.

Prairie County Library - Provides access to online resources for patrons as well as sharing of resources among libraries.

Prairie County Library - Enables patrons to access a whole new world of resources. Lets our library share its materials with other libraries. It is always totally amazing to see that our little library has items that patrons from larger libraries are requesting.

Garfield County Library - These Federation funds have allowed our small library to add some much needed technology updates and to further prepare ourselves for the transition to the Montana Shared Catalog.

Thank you so much to the Federation!

Henry A Malley Memorial Library - June came back from convention with an idea for a children's program we implemented. She went to local businesses and individuals and raised money for the purchase of Legos and Wooden Blocks. Children have been in the library every day since school got out building and using their imagination.

Henry A Malley Memorial Library - Library Patrons appreciate that they can read and listen to books digitally. Have received a number of comments along the line of "Wow -even this little library in the middle of nowhere has this service available".

Wibaux Public Library - Benefits to all patrons and staff: cataloging, circulation, services.

George McCone Memorial County Library - Allows library to continue to provide ILL services to patrons and participate in the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) with accurate records and cataloging.

George McCone Memorial County Library - Maintained and improved technology access/services for patrons and staff.

Ekalaka Public Library - FULL CIRCULATION SYSTEM, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND CATALOGING SERVICES FOR STAFF AND PATRONS.

Glendive Public Library - The Glendive Public Library could not provide the kind of quality service that we provide for our community members or our eastern Montana regional patrons.

Glendive Public Library - The Glendive Public Library is part of a consortium of Montana Libraries that share library materials via a courier. The Glendive Public Library alone, saves its tax payers thousands of dollars a year that would be spent on shipping cost.

Libraries strive to bring their patrons the best quality of library materials while always searching for more cost efficient ways of providing these services.

Henry A Malley Memorial Library - Makes available to patrons many unique books and other material that are not available thru the MSC system.

Henry A Malley Memorial Library - Staff and Patrons have been so very pleased with the MSC system since we joined three years ago. Went from the old paper card catalog direct to MSC!

Miles City Public Library - Allowing MCPL to continue to participate in the Inter-Library Loan program (both in-state and out-of-state) and for cataloging services with the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC).

Miles City Public Library - Enables all libraries in the Federation to host public movie viewing for patrons.

Miles City Public Library - Helped area libraries with small staff to catalog collections for inclusion in the MSC project. These "cataloging parties" help to take a large workload off of rural librarians.

Wibaux Public Library - Requirement for cataloging in the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) and providing Interlibrary Loan services.

Program 3 - COMMUNICATION/PR AND CONSULTATION

Narrative

The Federation Coordinator or a representative will attend at least two Coordinator meetings. Two Federation meetings will be held each year.

Federation members will act as mentors to new members. Members continually consult each other for help. If funds are available, members may travel to another member library for training/help/consultation.

Workgroups will be maintained (Plan of Service and Annual Report, Continuing Education, Federation Development and others as needed). Directors and other members are encouraged to participate. Workgroups help the Federation achieve its annual Goals.

Each member library may choose how much, if any, funding to designate toward communication and/or consultation.

Public Value

Glendive Public Library - Once they come over to our booth, we have heard time and time again, they exclaim, "I never had any idea that I could do that at my library!" It is very satisfying to link community members to the resources that they need. At local events the library highlights its children, family, and adult programming. We also showcase our free services that assist in job search and educational advancement. The on-line services are always a big hit at the fairs; most patrons never realize that they can take their library with them, and we are accessible 24/7.

The library will always be in attendance at these local and regional functions, but without our Sagebrush Federation Grant we would never reach as many individuals as we do. Our current Summer Reading Program we had over 757 participants and we correlate our success with presence at other regional events.

Program 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Narrative

Sagebrush Federation of Libraries will provide to the Miles City Public Library funds to be used as a stipend for the Coordinator to administer and manage the affairs of the Sagebrush Federation. The headquarters library will also receive funds for supplies such as postage, copies and long distance used for Federation

business.

Public Value

Miles City Public Library - Compensation for work by the Coordinator.

Miles City Public Library - Covers supplies and office costs for coordinating the Sagebrush Federation.