Montana State Library
Library Development Study Task Force Summary
Monday, August 27, 2015

Task Force Attendees: Chairman Bill Cochran, Connie Behe, Pamela Benjamin, Barry Brown, Joane Didriksen, Roberta Gebhardt, Mitchell Grady, Susan Gregory, Anne Kish, Al Logan, Jodie Moore, Jodi Oberweiser, Karla Ritten, KellyAnne Terry, Jonna Underwood, Debbie Wellman, and Sonja Woods. Desiree Funston was unavailable.

Staff: Sarah McHugh, Cara Orban, Pam Henley, Jennie Stapp and Marlys Stark.

Cara presented an overview of the 2014 resource sharing cost comparison information as requested.

Bill and Jennie discussed the draft of the listening session discussion template to be sure it is clear to members and in a format that is easily used. The questions will start with the community and go deeper. The time needed will depend on the format and how many participants are available. An hour is a suggested starting time but each meeting will adjust as needed or desired. The online federation meetings will need to use other tools and be a shorter session. The questions should be sent out before the meetings in order to allow participants time to think about them. A letter from Jennie and Bill will be included.

The next step is the listening sessions. There are several planned including the fall workshop, the ASLD/PLD retreat, the MEA booth and federation meetings. There will also be survey available using the actual listening session questions.

Drop in online sessions for the task force members will be scheduled to allow people to give feedback and ask questions.

Staff will record the sessions using a template and the task force members will facilitate. Jodi will facilitate South Central, Jonna at Golden Plains, KellyAnne at PLD, Debbie at Pathfinder, Sonja at Sagebrush, Anne, Jody and Karla will facilitate at Broad Valley, Connie at Tamarack and Roberta, Jodi and Sonja at fall workshop.

A daylong meeting will be scheduled in Helena in November to discuss the results and formulate recommendations for the commission. A doodle poll will be used to choose the date.