

Welcome to MSL Draft Plan Feedback

Dear Montana Community Members,

The Montana State Library Commission is creating a new strategic plan. Commissioners would like your feedback. As part of the strategic planning process, key stakeholders were interviewed, the Library Development Task Force Recommendations were reviewed, and staff were asked to review the plan, give input, and develop actionable ideas to accomplish the goals of the plan.

Commissioners and staff members worked with facilitator, Ned Cooney, to develop this plan. They attempted to be thoughtful, but visionary.

We would like to know if you see value in this plan. This survey is anonymous, but if you would like to see the accumulated data please contact Tracy Cook at TCook2@mt.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Community Partnerships

1. The Commission selected three practical visions to work towards in the next five years. The first one is:

Connected Community Partnerships - connecting and building communities through the work of the Montana State Library. This includes working with other agencies and libraries to create community partnerships that benefit our respective end users and engaging our end users in building a community around engaged, crowdsourced, and curated information.

Do you see value in working towards connected, community partnerships?

Value in Connected Community Partnerships

2. What value do you see in working towards connected community partnerships?

Diversified Funding

3. The Commission selected three practical visions to work towards in the next five years. The second one is:

New and diversified funding - it takes financial stability to provide quality service and meet the needs of our end users.

Do you see value in working towards new and diversified funding?

Value of Funding

4. What value do you see in working towards new and diversified funding?

Useful Information Infrastructure

5. The Commission selected three practical visions to work towards in the next five years. The final one is:

Useful Information Infrastructure - it takes high speed internet access and high quality/open data to meet the needs of our end users.

Do you see value in working towards useful information infrastructure?

6. What value do you see in working towards useful information infrastructure?

Barriers to Implementation

7. The Commission identified the following items as barriers to achieving their vision of connected community partnerships; new and diversified funding; and useful information infrastructure.

How would you rank these barriers when it comes to achieving the vision?

	Strong barrier	We can overcome this barrier	This isn't a barrier
Challenging geography - distance and diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-strategic resource allocation - fragmented approach to using resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Divergent expectations - not everyone has the same definition of what a library should offer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk-Averse library culture - fear of failure or harm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limiting political climate - concerns about political views tied to funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. What other barriers should the Commission consider?

Strategic Directions

9. The Commission identified strategic directions to take in order to overcome barriers to achieving their vision. The strategic directions are:

- Engagement, Advocacy, and Story Telling - engage stakeholders in envisioning the future; tell the story of MSL and our partners; and Commissioners advocate for libraries.
- Culture and Impacts - be willing to say no; think end users first; think forward to 2025
- Information Infrastructure - work on broadband for libraries and be a role model for open data.
- Partner organizations - re-frame and re-examine the role of key partners.

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the strategic directions identified.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Engagement, Advocacy, and Storytelling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culture and Impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information Infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partner Organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. What other strategic directions should the Commission consider?

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11. What other concerns, comments, or questions do you have about the Commission's draft strategic plan?

Thank You for Completing the Survey

Thank you for completing this survey. State Library Commissioners will review interim drafts, with the goal of final adoption at their meeting in December 2016.