Federation Annual Report
FY 2018
July 2017 Through June 2018

SIGNATURES

Federation	Tamarack
Coordinator's Library	Missoula Public Library
Coordinator	Honore Bray

Signature _____ Date _____

Chairperson - Board of Trustees   Rita Henkel

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: $41,220.81
Total CST Expended: $41,220.81

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

Program 1 - Two Membership Meetings	$5,447.45
Program 2 - Training and Professional Development	$6,665.72
Program 3 - Technology	$17,459.06
Program 4 - Expanding and sharing collections	$11,648.58
Program 5 - Planning for Building Improvement	None
	Total: $41,220.81

EXPENDITURES BY LIBRARY

Library	Status	Total Award	Award Expenses	Local Expenses
Bitterroot Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$0.00
Darby Community Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$88.76
ImagineIF Kalispell	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$19,000.00
Lincoln County Public Libraries	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$2,245.90
Mineral County Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$0.00
Missoula Public Library	Active	$8,002.69	$8,002.69	$41,350.00
North Lake County Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$1,762.27
North Valley Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$1,316.93
Plains Public Library District	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$355.16
Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$269.67
Ronan Library District	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$944.71
St Ignatius School-Community Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$0.00
Thompson Falls Public Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$591.38
Whitefish Community Library	Active	$2,555.24	$2,555.24	$156.62
Totals:		$41,220.81	$41,220.81	$68,081.40

PUBLIC VALUE SUMMARY BY PROGRAM

Program 1 - Two Membership Meetings

Narrative

Two membership meetings will be held in FY 2018. The spring meeting will be a two day meeting. The business of the Federation will be conducted and a full day of training for Trustees and Librarians will take place. Expenses will be covered for a Public Library Trustee and a Librarian from each of the active Public Libraries. Expenses for one member of a School or Special Library will be covered. Mileage to the meeting is at the expense of each library.
The fall meeting will be conducted via a conference call. CE will not be available during the fall meeting. All Public Libraries must send a representative to both meetings to qualify as an active member. If a Public Library is not represented due to an emergency the executive committee will determine if the library will have active or inactive status. It is beneficial that the Montana State Library staff and State Commissioners participate in the meetings.

The coordinator will:
-Arrange meetings
-Create and distribute appropriate notices and documents
for the meetings
-Attend at least 3 State Library Commissioners meetings
-The Federation Coordinator Library will receive $1000 to help defray the costs for travel and other Federation Expenses.

Included in each years business:
-Conduct the business of the federation, including election
of officers, in accordance with its by-laws
-create the POS for the following year in a timely manner with membership participation.

Public Value

Bitterroot Public Library - By providing patrons with materials via interlibrary loan, and sharing our items with other libraries and their patrons, we are able to fulfill even the most esoteric information and entertainment needs of our patrons as well as participate fully in the sharing of materials with other libraries and their patrons.

Missoula Public Library - Better understanding of how Boards and Directors can work with City and County Government Officials.
Networking for small, medium and large library Board members and Directors

Missoula Public Library - Equalize access for Montana Library users.

Program 2 - Training and Professional Development

Narrative

Library staff will attend training and/or professional opportunities at local, state and national levels. Includes but is not limited to workshops, on-line courses, conferences and academic classes. Registration, mileage, lodging, meals and materials may be included in the costs.

Public Value

Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - CE Credits

North Lake County Public Library - By attending training sessions she returned with several new ideas that she will implement in the library. Such things as providing special programming for local teens, reclassifying the non-fiction section of the library, and a method for tracking strategic planning goals. Abbi also visited with many vendors and hopes to add services such as mobile printing and a 3D printer to the library in the near future.

Plains Public Library District - The Board is better informed about their duties and can perform their jobs better. They will share with the other Board members what they learned and we will have a better educated Board.

North Lake County Public Library - Mallory takes the minutes and posts the notices for all public meetings. She greatly benefited from learning the rules and processes that go along with being a public entity.

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Missoula Public Library - Better programming and service to the public and our partners

Missoula Public Library - Mentoring program for ALA and many new programs in design thinking to create programs for the entire person.

Bitterroot Public Library - These activities helped connect staff with other librarians, maintain and grow their professional skills, and generally become more well-rounded librarians. The use of these funds helped ensure that our staff are able to provide quality service to our community by staying informed of advances in library services and technology.

Missoula Public Library - Better service to our Partners and the Public

Missoula Public Library - New information to share with staff and partners to improve service to the public

Missoula Public Library - Presented a program on Crisis intervention.

Missoula Public Library - Improve skills for Service to the Public

Ronan Library District - Fred Pryor offers LOTS of training resources, including accounting training, which assists the Director and Assistant Director in having a better understanding of their fiscal responsibilities.

Ronan Library District - Allows staff to learn what is new in Library Land, as well as experience the wonder that is Montana Librarians. This year we were able to send a staff member that has never been to the MLA conference.

Ronan Library District - Montana Library Association Conference is always wonderful for learning new ideas and methods.

Program 3 - Technology

Narrative

Purchases may include, but are not limited to: Computer hardware, software and upgrades, firewall security, Printers, scanners, Membership costs for OCIC, Montana Shared Catalog, Virtual Reference, Database costs
Outreach and public relations costs promoting access to collections and library services (Example of costs outside the scope of this program include, but are not limited to: e-books, furniture, barcodes and other

Public Value

Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - Inter Library Loan for the Patrons.

Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - Allows us to run the lending aspect of the library online, without the limitations of a software program.

Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - Helps us pay for the internet services in the library.

Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library - Services to the public.

Ronan Library District - RLD is creating a new, easier to navigate and easier to edit website. This will allow all staff the ability to update the website, allowing people around the world to know what is happening at our small town library.

Ronan Library District - Allows patrons to expand their knowledge base and learn new languages. Anyone with a Ronan Library card can log on to learn to speak a variety of languages

Ronan Library District - Allows patrons to easily access manuals for maintaining and repairing their own vehicles.

Ronan Library District - Allows patron computer use, printing, etc...tied to each patron individually. Envisionware has so many benefits for patrons and staff, it is difficult to list them all.

Darby Community Public Library - To improve library/internet/computer/printing services to the public.

North Lake County Public Library - The North Lake County Public Library District completed its digitization of the Flathead Courier/Lake County Leader newspapers through December 2012 with our 2018 Tamarack Federation monies. The newspapers from 1980 forward are available for the public to view at the Library on the public computers; prior issues are available at www.MontanaNewspapers.org. Our hope is that digitization of these news articles and images will provide ready access for our community members to the complete history of the area, enabling a more educated and fully functional population.

Plains Public Library District - Patrons will benefit from having up to date software and computers to use for job searching, resumes, skype, email, taxes, etc. Plains is a community of very poor individuals and they use the computers at the library because they cannot afford to own one. By the library providing up to date computers they can be at the same computers that larger communities have and utilize also. We know this has help them file their taxes as well as helping them apply for an getting new jobs.

Plains Public Library District - Public can use to find jobs, information on health issues, and to have internet access.

North Valley Public Library - The benefit of the Montana Shared catalog is patron access to library material throughout the State. Sharing materials with one another easily allows us to help patrons in their lifelong learning. In addition the libraries can be successful in meeting this mission better because through MSC we have access to highly skilled IT staff that maintain and train on the catalog and cataloging expertise.

Thompson Falls Public Library - Patrons are able to download ebooks and audio books 24/7 with their library card from their home, the library, or anywhere wi-fi is available. Because Montana libraries join together in this program, the cost is affordable and we are able to offer this service that patrons expect. Our usage continues to increase every month.

Thompson Falls Public Library - This program allows patrons and staff to search and find individual items in the collections in our library as well as any other Montana Shared Catalog member library collection. Patrons can view their account, place holds, and renew items. With the BookMyne App, patrons can do all of this easily from their tablet or smart phone. Because Montana libraries of all types join this consortium, the cost of our ILS is affordable for us.

Program 4 - Expanding and sharing collections

Narrative

Libraries may purchase and share collection materials in accordance with the Tamarack Federation Collection Policy, including creating Book Club kits. To encourage and assist in sharing collections, libraries may choose to apply funds to courier and or postage costs.

Public Value

Mineral County Public Library - Allows better patron access to services, as well as technical support

Whitefish Community Library - Being a member of the Partners' consortium enables libraries to share materials. To provide access to over a million items, especially for a small library like Whitefish, is an valuable service. Without funding for the courier service we would be required to mail several hundreds of items a month. This would prohibit many libraries from taking advantage of a service that is so beneficial to our patrons.

ImagineIF Kalispell - Patrons have equal playing field.
Our collections are expanded exponentially.
Customers have resources they need for life-long learning.
Customers improve their own well-being impacting the entire community for the better.

Mineral County Public Library - Improves services for users, allows resource sharing

Program 5 - Planning for Building Improvement

Narrative

Libraries may use funds to support the costs of planning for the best use of space directly related to federation-wide activities. Costs may include, but are not limited to: -Consultant fees and travel -Design models -Wireless feasibility studies -Cost analysis reviews for adding a courier access area