



Webseite Chat
with Jennie Stapp
June 22, 2023

Zooming like a pro!

Rename Yourself

- Open “Participants”
- Hover over your name
- Click “Rename”
 - Include your name and library

Chat

- Click the “Chat” icon to add your comments or questions.



Webside Chat

- MSL Updates
 - June Commission Meeting
 - Federation study
 - Certification Program
 - Other Commission actions
 - Administrative Rules Changes
 - Public Library Standards
 - Fall Workshop
- Information and News Sources

Commission Appointments, June 2023 – June 2026



- Peggy Taylor, Whitefish and Bozeman, Montana
– Reappointed



- Carmen Cuthbertson, Kalispell, Montana
– Replaced Dalton Johnson
- Office of Commissioner of Higher Education Appointee is vacant

Federation Study Recommendations

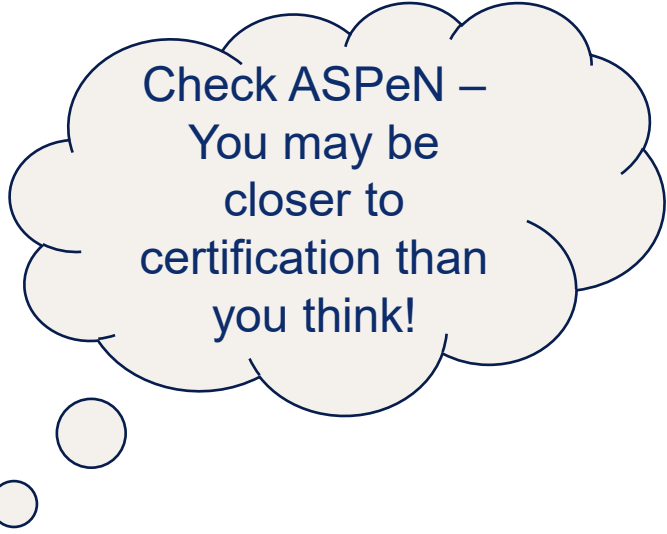
- Commission discussion and further action
 - Commission recognizes the importance of federation funds for libraries
 - Commission recognizes the value of supporting training and networking for trustees and librarians
 - Commission finds the structure of federations cumbersome
 - Commission directed staff to continue to study the structure of federations
 - During the August Commission meeting, staff will work with the Commission to create a new charge for the Federation Study Task Force.

Certification Program Update

Program Goals

- Promote continuing education and demonstrate its impact for quality library services.
- Promote recognition for librarians who participate and libraries that encourage staff to continue learning.
- Provide continuing education opportunities that benefit library directors, staff, and trustees.

- Changes to Library Administration Track
- Changes to optional Staff Track
- No change to optional Trustee Track



Check ASPeN –
You may be
closer to
certification than
you think!

Certification Program - Learn More!

- July 11 - MSL Learn Webinar
 - Join us for a 30-minute session to learn more about the new certification program and resources to help you access continuing education and achieve certification.
 - Register in the ASPeN Event Calendar
- Contact Colet Bartow with any questions.

Other Commission action

- Fiscal Year 2024 Federation Plans of Service Adopted (excluding additional funds)
- Adopted MSL FY 2024 budget
 - Includes in \$400,000 for hot spots
 - \$36,000 for History Portal Digitization (up from \$6,000)
 - \$65,000 for the Courier (up from \$15,000)
- Join the Commission on August 9, 2023 in Helena and online
- Look for the Commission in Circle, Montana on October 11, 2023

1-Minute Balance Break

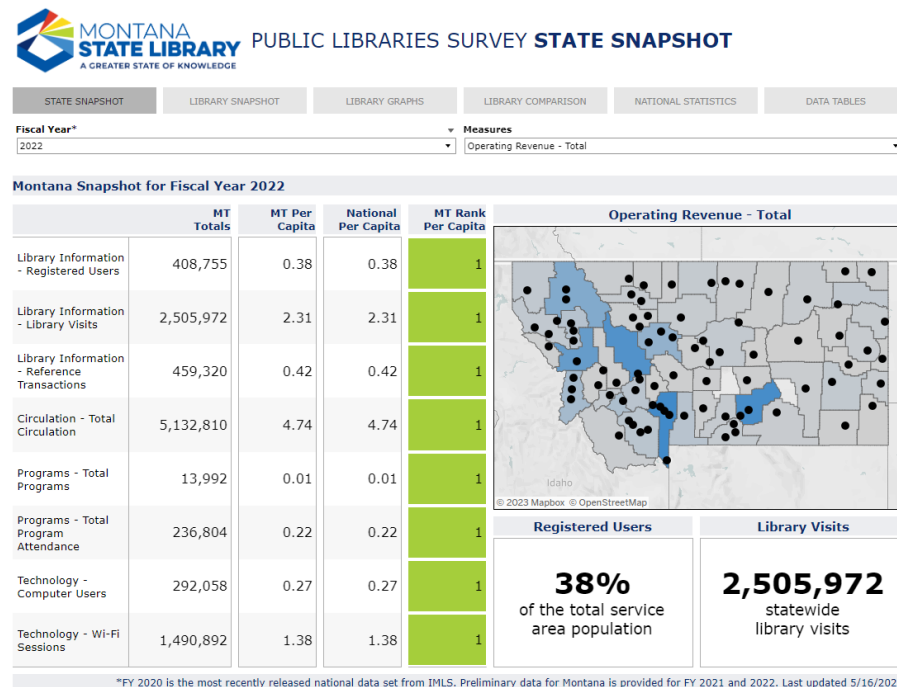


- ✓ Stretch
- ✓ Look Away from Your Screen
- ✓ Think About Any Questions You Have

FY 22 Public Libraries Statistics now available

Did you know?

- Montanans use libraries. While still slightly below counts documented pre-pandemic, Montana observed a significant rebound in library visits this past year.
 - Montanans visited public libraries 2.5M times in FY 2022, an increase of 53% from FY 2021.
- 38% of Montanans hold a public library card which grants access to physical and digital collections, totaling over 2.8M titles statewide.
- Visitors seek internet access.
 - The public used library computers 292K times and connected to library Wi-Fi 1.5M times. Over the past five years, Wi-Fi sessions doubled.
- Patrons turn to the library for trusted information.
 - Montanans asked library staff 460K reference questions, and 50K citizens received one-on-one technology support.
- Families build literacy in partnership with libraries.
 - 236K people attended educational library events. Notably, Montanans ages 0-5 and their caregivers attended programs 76K times.
- Montanans borrow books for education, information, and recreation.
 - Readers of all ages borrowed library books and other media 5.1M times. Together, they borrowed 23% more titles than the previous year, another indicator of post-pandemic recovery



[Checkout the dashboard for more great analysis!](#)

Public Library Standards – Now Open!

- Public library directors are encouraged to submit the public library standards.
- Information about submitting the standards was sent in an email.
- Deadline to complete the form: July 24, 2023
- Contact us if you need the link!

2023 Montana Public Library Standards

Public libraries receiving state payments need to complete this form to indicate their compliance with the public library standards. Libraries that do not meet a standard will be given an opportunity to explain why they do not meet the standard and what their plan is for complying with the standard in the future.

[Review the full document before submitting the public library standards form](#)

Review interpretative information about meeting the standards - interpretation for meeting the standards can be found at the end of the [public library standards' webpage](#).

Change in Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM)

- **Public library standards** – degree requirement; budget growth requirement; define hardship; define deferral process;
- **State aid** – amend formula to include tribal college libraries
- **Resource sharing** – review need for 50/50 split between OCLC and MSC funding
- **Timeline:**
 - July 2023
 - Task force sat and initial charge given
 - July through September
 - Research, discussion, recommendations review by library community
 - October 2023
 - Draft ARMs to Commission
 - November 2023
 - Public comment period, pending Commission action
 - December 2023
 - Commission adopts final ARMs

2023 Fall Workshops: September 18-19

- Great Falls Holiday Inn
- Registration is open
- No registration cost
- Wide variety of sessions



Information and News Sources



- [MSL Website](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [MSL Help Desk](#)
- [WIRED List Serv](#)
- [ASPeN Events Calendar](#)
- [MSL Learn](#)
- [MSL YouTube Channel](#)
- [Email/call any MSL staff member](#)

Questions?



MSL Evaluation Survey



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Next Webside Chat
Friday, August 11, 2023

