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**To:** Montana State Library Commission  
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During my short presentation I would like to focus on the nuances and ways that the different types of public libraries impact consulting and library development work in Montana. For your reference I am including two resources.

- Summary of role of the state library commission and types of libraries – this document ties your statutory authority to the work MSL staff complete for public libraries. It also has citations to resources that give historical background on the role of the Commission.
- Types of public libraries and how the legal structure influences the work and relationship of a library board and local government – this document explains the different public library types, how they are created, how their board members are appointed, and how the structure influences various duties of the library board.

I'm available to answer any questions you may have about the structure of public libraries and the role of MSL in working with libraries.