



## 2023 Public Library Standards Task Force

August 22, 2023  
9:00 am – 2:00pm  
Online Only

### Notes

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Call to Order and Introductions

[Define which state payments require compliance with public library standards](#) - **Action**

- Public comment

[Amend 10.102.1158 \(1\) and 10.102.4003 to include accredited tribal college libraries](#) - **Action**

- Public comment

[Update formula under 10.102.4003 to account for accredited tribal college libraries and to account for the distribution of funds if no tribal college libraries apply](#) - **Action**

- [Spreadsheet showing various options for including tribal college libraries](#)
- [Infographic showing impact of adding tribal libraries at the county level](#)
- [Infographic showing impact of adding tribal libraries at individual library level](#)
- Public comment

Consider amending 10.102.1158 (7) the library's budget shows year-to-year growth to better reflect the intent of the original public library standards' task force - Action

- Public comment

Consider amending 10.102.1160 (7) – Library directors serving populations over 25,000 must have a Master of Library Science or equivalent degree - Action

- History of MLS requirement from the Montana State Library
  - Review of public librarian qualifications over time
- Spreadsheet that lists library director education requirements from all states
- Short analysis of requirements from other states
- Public comment

Amend administrative rule 10.102.1162 to better define what is NOT a hardship and to clarify the process for requesting a deferral - Action

- Public comment

Other Business & Announcements

Adjourn