

**Coordinator's Report**  
**Tamarack Federation**  
**Fall 2023**  
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Thank you to everyone for getting your FY2023 spending entered in Aspen. This year we will be using a new program for entry that should simplify the process even more. Rebekah Kamp will notify us when that is ready to go. As I was looking back on spending at Tamarack libraries for FY2023, I noticed that some libraries are reporting the use of Tamarack funds for items that do not fit within our plan of service. I'm sure every library is spending funds on items that do fit, but perhaps not reporting them as a federation expense. If you have any questions on what is and is not a good fit for Tamarack Federation spending, please reach out to Tracy Cook or me. Also, be sure you are spending the full amount and entering the full amount – the exact amount - in the reporting software. A couple libraries did not enter the full award amount for spending. FY2024 checks should be arriving soon and the software for entering those expenses will be available soon as well.

After expenses for the spring retreat were paid, there was \$2,446.70 remaining, which I sent to Overdrive for Montana Library2Go. I am looking forward to hosting you at our newly renovated library next spring on April 26 and 27 for our 2024 Spring Retreat. The Polson library received a grant to install a hearing loop system in our community room, which will allow those with T-coil hearing aids and cochlear implants to hear speakers clearer. If you have hearing aids or a cochlear implant, check with your audiologist to have them turn the t-coil on so you're ready to go for our retreat.

We have a couple ideas for spring training including a book repair workshop and a training on pay and benefits. Be thinking of what particulars you would like to learn in those sessions and share other ideas for spring training during the meeting.

Next week I will be presenting our FY2023 report to the State Library Commission in Columbus. I will report on their feedback during our meeting.

Have a wonderful fall and winter and we will see each other next spring in Polson!