



Webisode Chat
with Jennie Stapp
December 8, 2023

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Federation Funding

December 2023

- Commission reconsidered budget action from June 2023
- Allocated \$24,000 in Coal Severance Tax funds to the Montana Library Federations
- “for either funding of trustee travel to in-person federation meetings or funding the fulfillment of the whole board training requirement in the public library standards”

Federations: 1956

Montana's Plan under LSA was one of the first to be accepted by the Office of Education. First major provision is for strengthening the State Agency; second is for the establishment of libraries into systems of libraries through demonstrations. Montana chose the concept of federations of libraries as the most flexible means of instituting cooperative library service and the most acceptable to the residents of a predominately rural state. Many small and medium size libraries were well established units of local governments having vested property rights and a long tradition of local autonomy. A federation would preserve the advantage of the local libraries, adding the increased efficiency and specialization of the larger unit. This type of participation satisfies the desire for "home rule" and parallels the historic American principle of independence in local government.

2024 Commission Meeting Calendar

Regular Meetings

- February 16
- April 17*
- June 12
- August 4
- October 9
- December 11

Conversations with the Commission

- Montana Library Association Conference
- Thursday, April 18, 2024
- Copper King Convention Center
- Butte America

*Scheduled to coincide with the Montana Library Association Conference

Change in Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM)

- Public library standards

- Timeline:

- July 2023

- Task force sat and initial charge given

- July through September

- Research, discussion, recommendations review by library community

- October 2023

- Draft ARM to Commission

- November 2023

- Public comment period

- December 2023

- Public hearing
- Commission adopts final ARM
- New rules published in the Administrative Register



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Upcoming Events

- History Portal Lego Challenge
 - December 9, 2023
 - Lewis & Clark Library
- 2024 MSL Learn Webinar Series
 - January 9, 10, 23, 30
 - 5 sessions!
 - Video Games in Libraries
 - Public Library Survey – LibPAS Reports
 - US Census Tools
 - Universal Classes
 - Facilities Management
- MLN Virtual Program
 - January 9
 - A Taste of Indigenous Foods with Mariah Gladstone
- Visit the ASPeN Event Calendar for details



Questions?



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