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MSL Learn Webinar Series

Partners: Sharing Groups,
Collections, Processes, Possibilities

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Today's Agenda

Sharing Groups within the MSC

Scope of Partners Sharing Group

Circulation in Partners

What Partners Membership Looks Like
and How to Join

MSC Team Support

Resources

Sharing Groups within the MSC



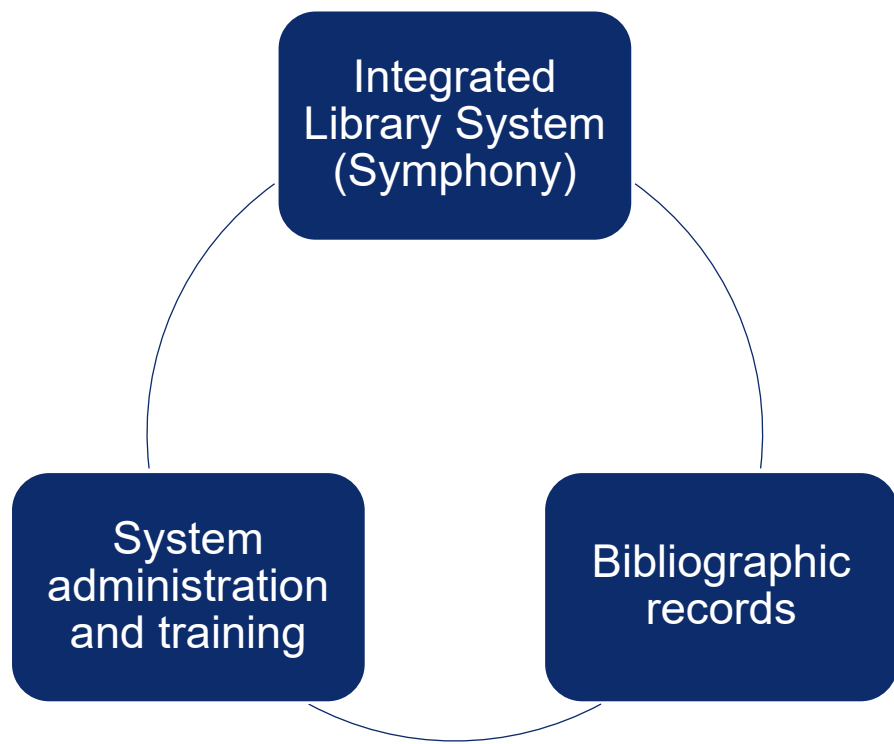
The MSC's Three Sharing Groups

- Partners Sharing Group
(35 member libraries & branches)
- 4-Rivers Sharing Group (10 members)
- Gallatin County Libraries Sharing Group, aka BridgerNet
(5 members)

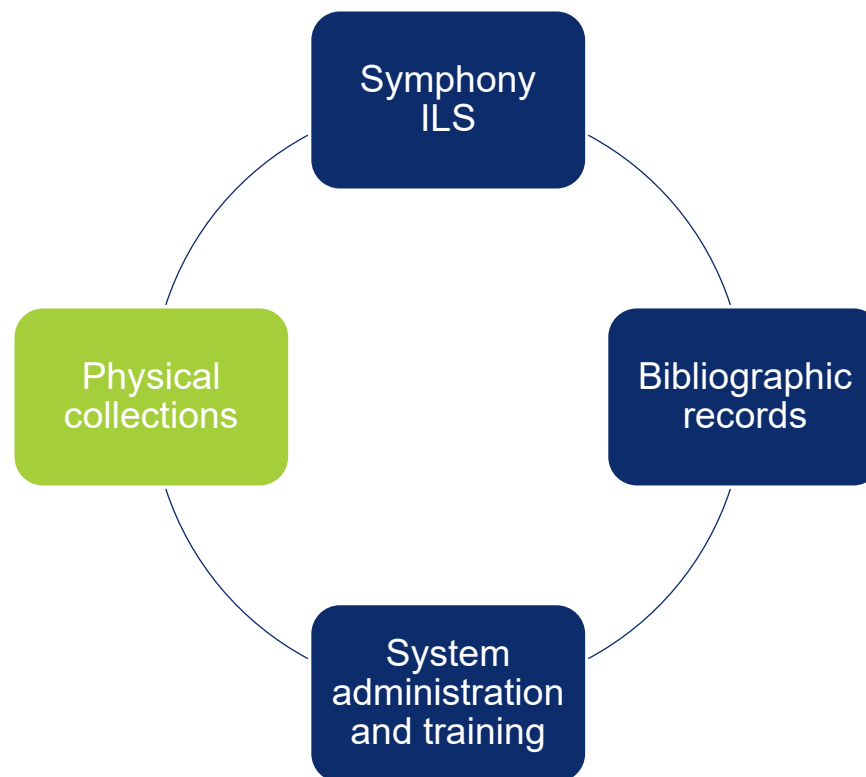
More information about each sharing group – members, maps, procedures, etc., can be found in the [MSC Resource Sharing Groups](#) article.

What Sharing Groups Share in the MSC

MSC Members share...



MSC Sharing Group Members share...



Patrons of Sharing Group Libraries Can...



Place holds on items owned by other libraries in the group and select their pickup location



Search the entire sharing group's collection from the public catalog



Use their library card at any library in the sharing group



Costs and Savings of a Sharing Group

There's no extra cost for MSC member libraries to join a sharing group.

There are related costs (e.g., shipping, staff time); however, the cost of ILLs tends to go down drastically.

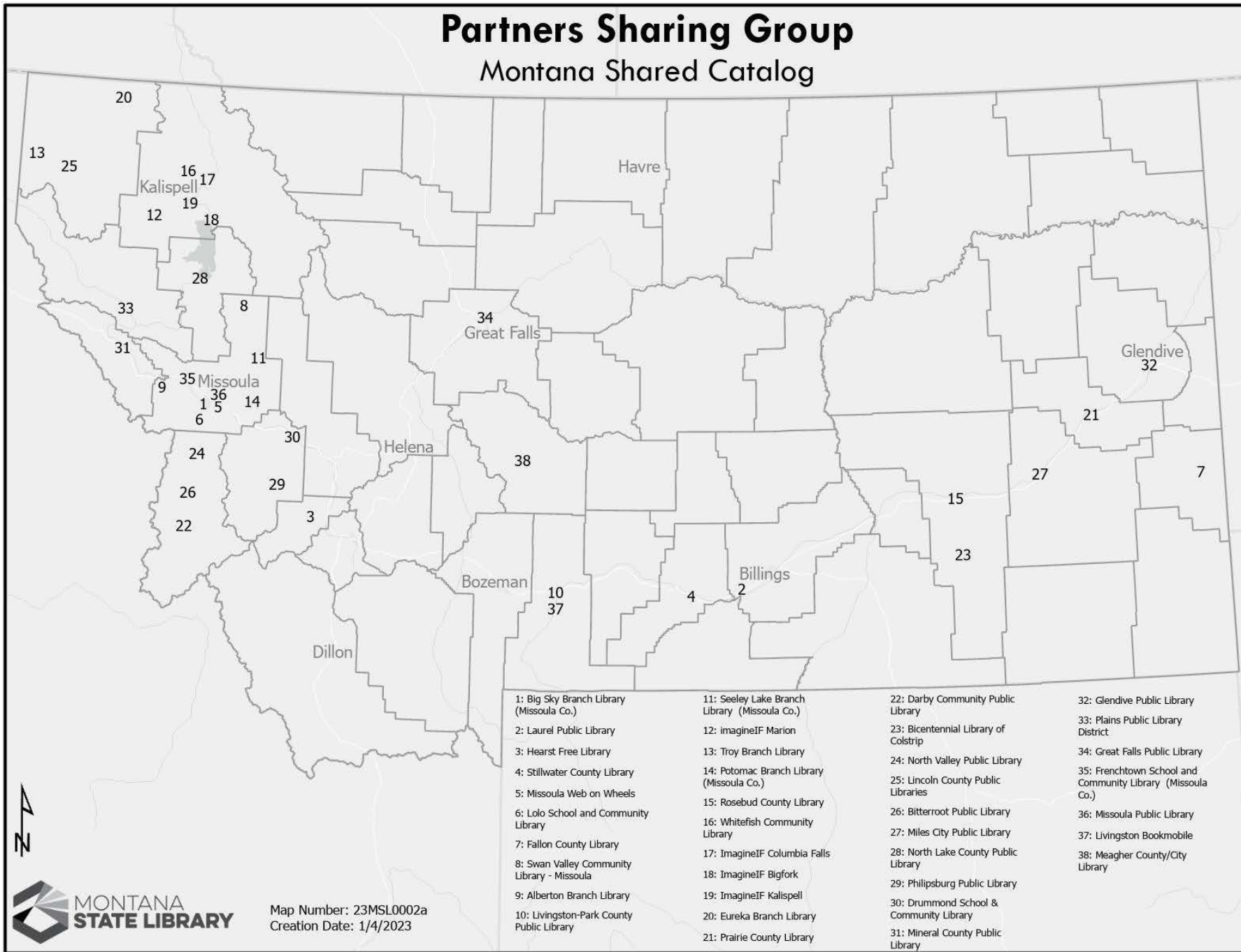
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Scope of Partners Sharing Group



Partners Sharing Group

Montana Shared Catalog



Map Number: 23MSL0002a
Creation Date: 1/4/2023

> 900,000

Items in Partners as of 2024

265,300

Items shared in Partners so far in FY 24

Circulation in Partners



- Members
- Sharing Groups**
- Collections
- Circulation
- Support Cases

FY 2024 Sharing Group Activity

Sharing Group	Total Items Shared
4 Rivers	4,024
Gallatin County Libraries	19,836
Partners	265,300

Origin

GFPL ▼

FY 2024 Transit Origin - GFPL

Library Name	Origin	Destination
Alberton Branch Library		119
Bicentennial Library of Colstrip		68
Big Sky Branch Library (Missoula Co.)		300
Bitterroot Public Library		2,367
Darby Community Public Library		143
Drummond School & Community Libr..		129

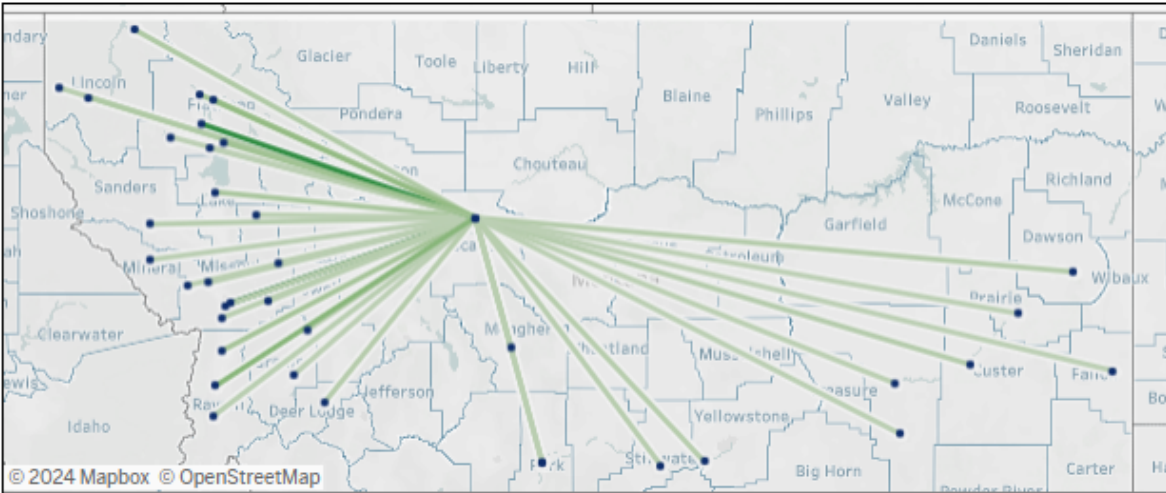
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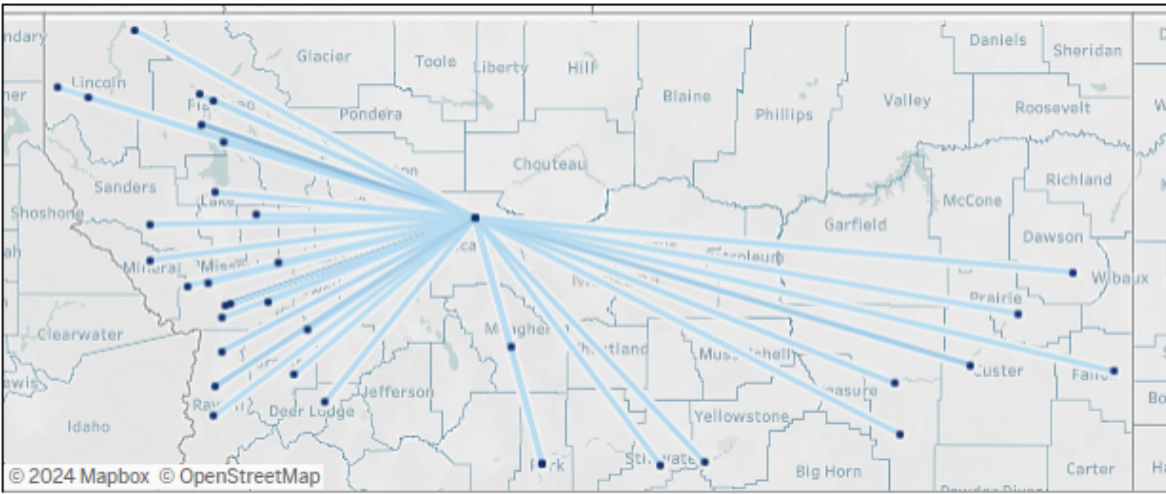
FY 2024 Transit Destination - GFPL

Library Name	Origin	Destination
Alberton Branch Library	63	
Bicentennial Library of Colstrip	143	
Big Sky Branch Library (Missoula Co.)	38	
Bitterroot Public Library	758	
Darby Community Public Library	79	
Drummond School & Community Libr..	83	

Transit Origin Map - GFPL



Transit Destination Map - GFPL



What Partners Membership Looks Like & How To Join



Partners Membership

Must be a member of the MSC to join an MSC sharing group.

More information on Partners bylaws, policies and procedures, and how to join is available in the [Partners Resource Sharing Group](#) and the [Partners Sharing Group – Policies and Procedures](#) articles.





MSC Support (So You Can Rest Easy)

The MSC team will:

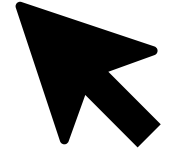
- handle configuration.
- facilitate initial training.
- set the library up for success when it comes to resolving problems, e.g., missing and lost items, long in-transit items, etc.

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Questions?



Links from Live Chat



- [MSC Resource Sharing Groups](#)
- [Montana Courier Alliance](#)
- [MSC webpage](#)
- [MSC Data Dashboard](#)
- [Partners Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Submit a HelpDesk Ticket](#)



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State Library Commission Meeting	2023 Public Library Standards Task Force Meeting	MT Land Information Advisory Council	Network Advisory Council Meeting:
October 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Ace Stillwater Civic Center, Columbus, MT and Zoom	August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Zoom	June 23, 2023	February 1, 2023 9:30 am
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- March 20
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- April 9
 - Montana's Water Information Resources
- April 23
 - Connecting with Local Government Officials
- April 30
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