

To: MSL Network Advisory Council

From: Sarah McHugh, Director of Statewide Library Resources

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Re: Statewide Projects Update

MontanaLibrary2Go is currently in implementation Phase 14. Drummond, Twin Bridges, Conrad, Alberton Branch and Red Lodge will go live in early December. Phase 15 is now open to interested public, academic and special libraries (school library staff and patrons participate via individual library cards at their local participating library). The Steele Reese grant awarded to the Great Falls Public Library includes funding to cover OverDrive's one time New Library Participation Fee for up to 4 rural libraries with fewer than 4000 patrons. A separate application is required to be considered for this funding and is available from either Susie McIntyre (Great Falls Public Library) or Sarah McHugh. The deadline for the application is December 15 and the deadline for confirmation on joining in Phase 15 is December 20.

HeritageQuest for public libraries: the renewal effort was once again successful, due to substantial work from Honore Bray, Missoula Public Library, in rounding up sufficient contributions from libraries to accompany an FY10 LSTA contribution to this renewal. The renewal runs through October 2012.

Tutor.com's Adult Education and Career Center will be added to HomeworkMT in a few weeks, made possible through a small amount of final database monies allocated by the FY11 Legislature.

All EBSCO statewide databases are live. Access and URL information is available for each individual library via the Montana Library Directory. EBSCO has also updated the Automotive Repair Center interface, created the Kid's Search and Searchasaurus interfaces and added the Student Research Center interface within our statewide suite. The last three interfaces include particular databases from the statewide suite that have as their primary focus children or young adults. Statewide, onsite training sessions were provided by an EBSCO trainer in October and many webinars are being offered and are in the planning stages. Marketing from EBSCO has included t-shirts, bookmarks and flyers.

The statewide integrated discovery system from EBSCO, "EDS", now officially called "MT Statewide Library Resources" is closing in on going live. Mike Price has been working closely with EBSCO support on the final steps. The domain name is "mtslr.org". EBSCO support is working to add the Montana Memory Project metadata and images, HeritageQuest for the public libraries and MontanaLibrary2Go for those libraries participating in this consortium. The Montana Shared Catalog, the EBSCO statewide databases and WorldCat.org have been implemented within EDS.

Liz Babbitt will join the Montana State Library Statewide Library Resources division on November 21, filling the Statewide Projects Librarian position. We are very much looking forward to working with Liz

and there is a growing list of tasks awaiting her. Liz brings energy, experience and enthusiasm for collaborative projects to the position and it will be extremely helpful to have her on board.