

Montana Shared Catalog
Executive committee Retreat
Minutes August 1, 2011

Present: Amy Marchwick, Melody Condron, Sarah McHugh, Ken Adams, Ann Rutherford, Dale Alger, Cheryl Hesper, Honore Bray, Becky Mosbacher. Joining us for lunch: Darlene Staffeldt, Mike Price.

1) New representative for the Special Library Group—Honore will send out a call for nominations via MSC discuss. Deadline for nominations will be August 15, and voting will take place September 1-9.

2) Policy update on item types—Decision was made to turn off all I-types not in use. I-types cannot be deleted, but they can be made “invisible” to users. Libby and Amy are working with individual libraries to reduce I-types and home locations.

There was a request from one library to let patrons have options to limit their children’s checkout options via I-types. Discussion ensued about the legality of this practice, subjectivity of where to put items, parental control, etc. Sarah is hesitant to look into. She can look into the MSC’s liability if parent complains. Bottom line: the MSC will not add new I-types, as per membership vote. Adding patron types goes against the simplification of catalog.

3) Cataloging committee analyticals—need standard policies on records for AV items, such as DVDs, Blue Ray, CDs, Playaways. Icons display in the catalog are based on the records. Melody and Amy are working on this issue, which ties in with I-types.

4) MSL long range plan and how the MSC fits in—The Montana State Library long range plan draft will go out in a week. The plan includes training opportunities, such as webinars, available to the MSC.

Where will the MSC be in five years? More “partner” type groups, floating collections, statewide library sharing, digital collections, high-speed internet. More libraries would join MSC if there was a reliable courier service. Some states have their own fleet of couriers. Sarah suggests looking into Orbis/Cascade; if MSU and UM, as well as non-MSU libraries, would use courier as well, we would be more successful in contracting with a courier. Sarah brought up a question: would the MSC allow non-MSU libraries into partner groups? Need breakout groups at next membership meeting to brainstorm long-range goals. Some ideas include: digital library, content DM, going back to mentors.

5) Governance of the MSC—should we look into regional committees instead of an executive committee? Greatest membership growth is from schools. Statewide Library Resources (SLR) focus is on public libraries. There is a concern that it could become school-catalog driven.

6) RFI-RFP—out on state website. Anticipated vendors include: Sirsi, OCLC, III, Evergreen, Voyager, KOHA. Ken will send an additional list of possible vendors to Sarah. Ben Miller will

send Wisconsin's consortium information (they use KOHA). He likes it for librarians, but not for patrons. With open source, there is a cost for developers and administration. Now that the RFI is out there and Sirsi is visiting the state, we must be careful not to share specific details with vendors. We are to refer questions to the state procurement website. The sole contact is Sarah. All current libraries will migrate first to the new system, and then new libraries will be added.

7) Fall meeting agenda—The meeting will be held in Bozeman/Belgrade “The Commons,” October 6, 2011. Thursday there will be five or six questions for the Birds of a Feather groups. Suggested agenda items for Friday include: Breakfast and Birds discussion period, with a presentation afterward, discussion of governance, long-range plan, courier problems, mentoring possibilities, EBSCO.

8) The Exec Committee will have a phone meeting September 8, 10:00-12:00 to firm up the agenda for the fall meeting.

9) Miscellaneous—Help desk software will be available in the next month or so.

10) Meeting adjourned.