

**Partners Phone Conference  
Montana Shared Catalog**

Tuesday, July 14, 2009  
Noon

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: Bitterroot Public Library, Drummond School-Community Library, Flathead County Library system, Lincoln County Library system, Miles Community College Library, Miles City Public Library, Mineral County Library, Missoula Public Library system, North Valley Public Library, Polson City Library.

Guests: Ken Adams, Bob Cooper, Jemma Hazen.

Corrections to Minutes: Sarah McHugh was in attendance. Minutes approved as presented with this one correction.

Rosebud County Library to join Partners (Sonja): Forsyth will use the bus, the bus system does not deliver to Colstrip. Rosebud has made one visit to MCPL to view the system, will be visiting again soon. Searching for reliable courier from Forsyth to Colstrip.

Trace Reports (Jemma): Gloria at Bitterroot would like to know how other Partner Libraries handle their Trace items. Run a report or route items to Long Overdue. Can all Partners please send an email to partners regarding how you handle your Trace items.

Standard User & Item Types (Patty): Certain libraries are missing circ maps for some Item Types. The Executive Committee is working with Jemma to streamline Item Types and Home Locations

Courier Pilot Funding & Planning Update (Bob Cooper): Network Advisory Council recently discussed the courier project, funding reduced to \$80,000 annually (for two years). Revised plan: primary concern is finding vendor/shipping services where none exist (excluding the postal service), responsibility of the courier would be to get items from the drop points to the hub centers. Due to the budget cuts, the program will not be able to fund sorters at the hubs or drop sites. Ken is targeting the possible start date for January 2010, and continuing as long as monies hold out, hopefully for a year and a half. If a workable model can be found, the Council can then approach the Legislature for ongoing support. Partners voiced support for one-time High-Line funding to establish system, with ongoing funding dollars to include the Partners program as well as the newly established program.

Forsyth/Colstrip will attend the next Partners meeting (September 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon) to go over their final plan before going live.

Respectfully Submitted,

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