

Hello Montana librarians,

I am VERY (exceedingly, over-the-moon about it actually, but who's keeping track) pleased to invite you to participate in the first-ever Ready 2 Read Rendezvous. This all-expenses paid training is generously being sponsored by First Interstate BancSystem Foundation.

Here's the deal: The weekend of October 7, 8, and 9th, 2011, 30 or so librarians will gather in Bozeman to become early learning aficionados. Did I mention it's ALL EXPENSES PAID? Because it is. Your hotel, food, and travel expenses are all covered. FREE, people – apply now!

But wait, there's more! You will hear from leading experts and national trainers and will learn more about early literacy and learning, Every Child Ready to Read, becoming a more family-friendly library, play in libraries, Mind in the Making, Growing Up Wild, advocacy, and more. So many of you out there have taken this Ready 2 Read initiative and run with it and you are changing the lives of children throughout this state as a result. So our Ready 2 Read Rendezvous is a small way of saying thank you for all that you do and gearing you up to do more, more, MORE!!!

Of course there's a catch. Selected librarians must represent an existing "Ready 2 Read" library, meaning that their library has received a bin of books for its permanent collection, staff have attended at least two prior trainings on early childhood development, and your library holds a regularly-scheduled infant/toddler program.

Apply now! It's easy, I promise. And, as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sara

Ready 2 Read Rendezvous Application Instructions

Accessing the application is easy – just follow these steps:

- Go to the Montana Library Directory at http://www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Library_Directory/default.asp
- Click the "Edit" button.
- Use the drop-down lists to narrow the search for your library, and then click the "Search" button.
- Click on the name of your library. This will bring you to your library's login screen.
- Enter the password that you use to access your library's directory listing. (If you don't have your password, choose "Help!!! I can't remember my password!").
- Click on the "Login" button. This will bring you to the Main Menu.
- From the Main Menu, select the "Ready 2 Read" menu item.
- From the Ready 2 Read Menu, select the "Rendezvous Application" menu item.
- **Complete and submit the application by August 12, 2011.**

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