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## Bicentennial Branch Rosebud County Library

### BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

#### Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

## Successes

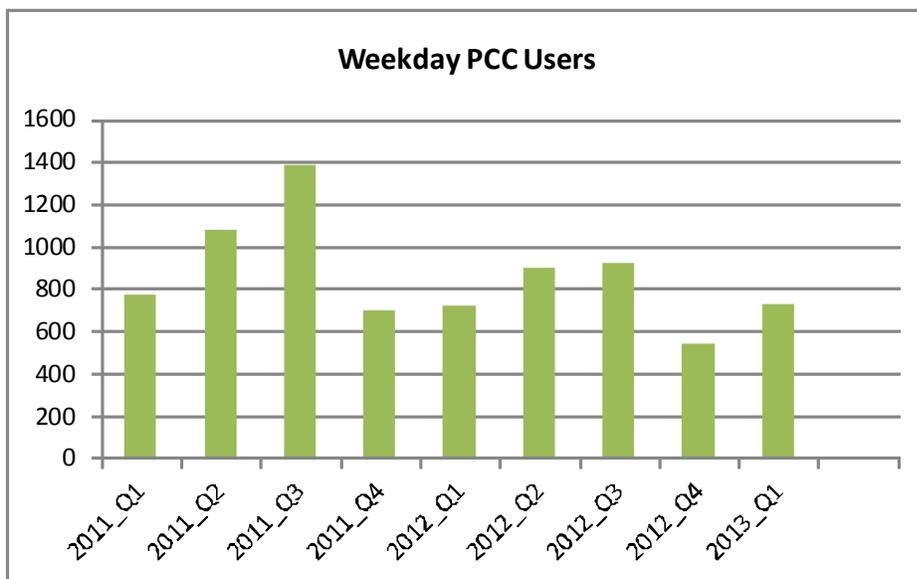
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Range Telephone Cooperative	1.50	6.00

### Bicentennial Branch Library Computing Center Now Offers...

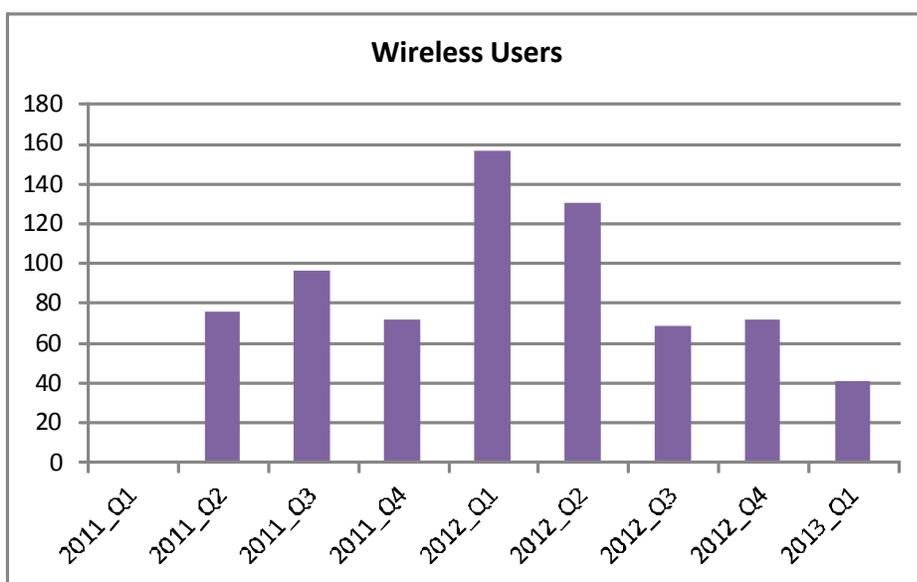
- ◆ 5 desktop computers
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 4 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 4 privacy screens
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > Have been distributing the drives that MSL provided to patrons in need, mainly to people looking for jobs.
- > Held an open house for "Love your Library" month on Valentines Day during public hours, all the "Sweet Treats" were donated by the staff and community. 94 people came to the open house.
- > Planned an introductory class for how to use the accessible computer.

### Public Computer Center Usage



### Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



### Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
41.21	59	13