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> I use the e-readers as library promotion; basically "see what else your library offers, we are not just books."

Bridger Public 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.

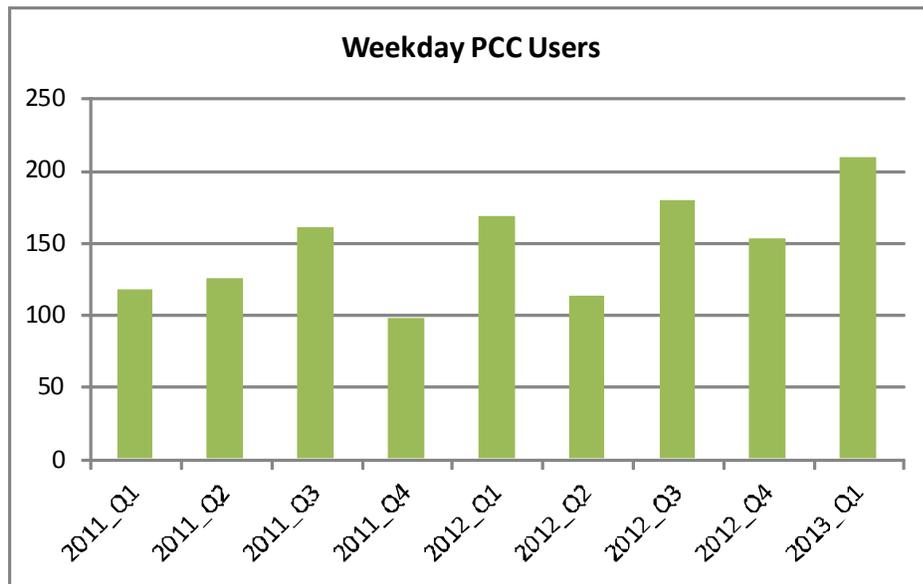
Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
CenturyLink	3.00	6.00

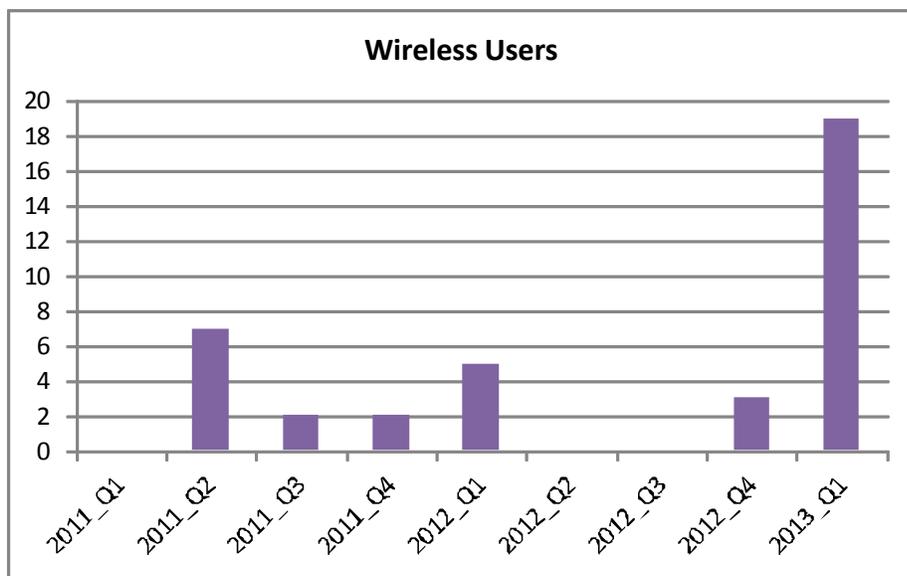
Bridger Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 3 desktop computers
- ◆ 4 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText Cameras with stand
- ◆ 2 low dexterity mice
- ◆ 2 low vision keyboards
- ◆ 2 Bierley magnification mice
- ◆ 2 headphones sets
- ◆ 4 privacy screens
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ 1 presentation screen
- ◆ 1 projector
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

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
7.69	60	7