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Butte Silver Bow 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

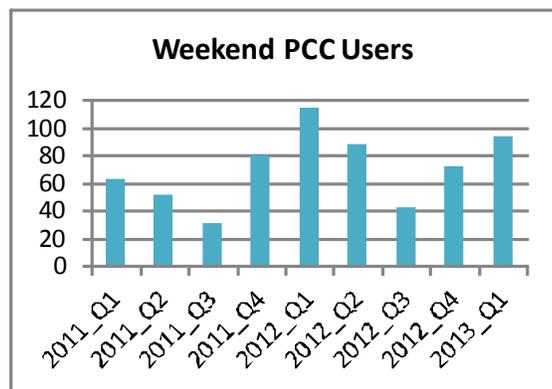
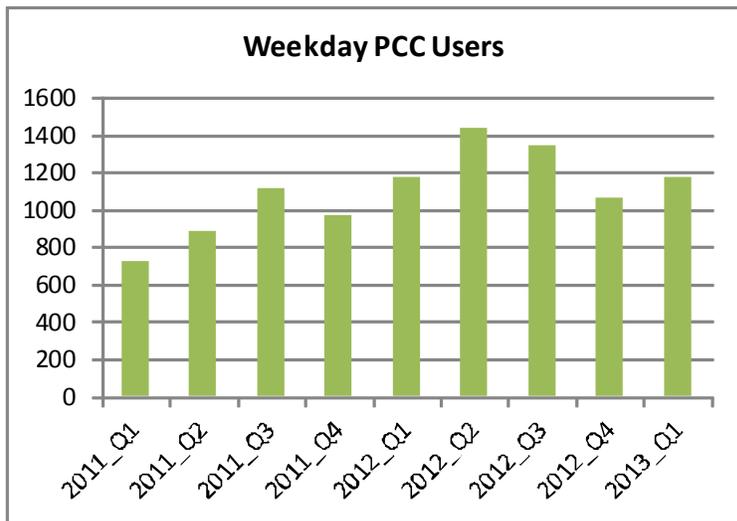
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Bresnan/Optimum	1.50	15.00

Butte Silver Bow Library Computing Center Now Offers...

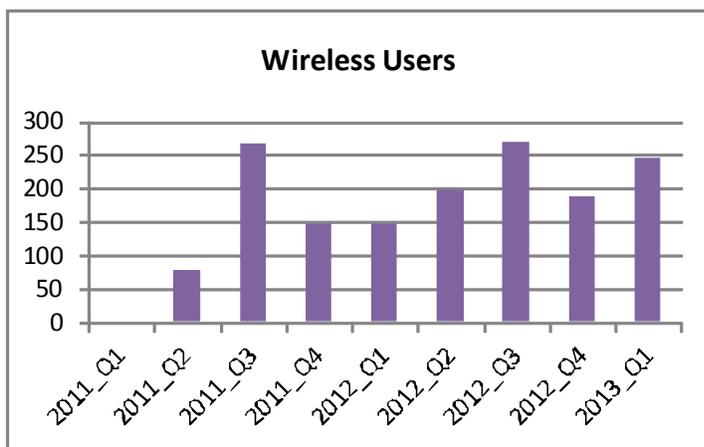
- ◆ 10 desktop computers
- ◆ 6 children's computers
- ◆ 20 laptop computers
- ◆ 2 laptop storage carts
- ◆ 2 LaserJet printers
- ◆ 1 scanner
- ◆ 3 JAWs blind software
- ◆ 3 MAGic low vision software
- ◆ 3 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 3 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 28 privacy screens
- ◆ 3 low dexterity mice
- ◆ 3 low vision keyboards
- ◆ 3 Bierley magnification mice
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > Have begun to promote our upcoming Tech Tips classes, which will run mid-September through the end of October. One class (of three) will take place weekly at Uptown location.
- > Technology S.O.S. hours will begin in April and run through the end of May, allowing patrons to access a tech-savvy librarian and BTOP equipment at regular times.
- > Our presence at the Butte Farmer's Market elicits lots of inquiries regarding upcoming computer training and eBook resources.

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
285.29	847	64