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Darby Community 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

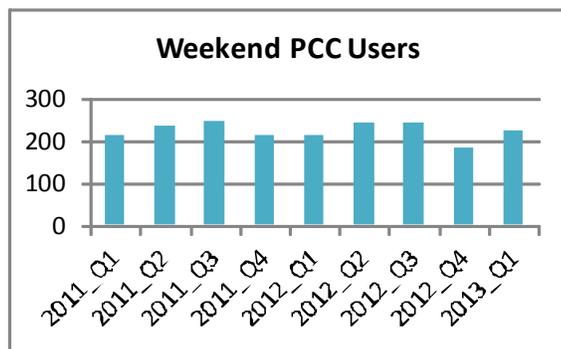
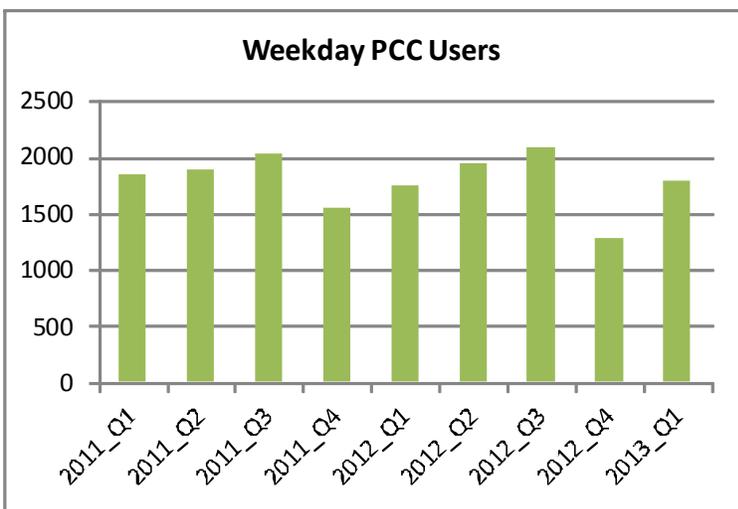
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
CenturyLink	6.00	7.50

Darby Community Library Computing Center Now Offers...

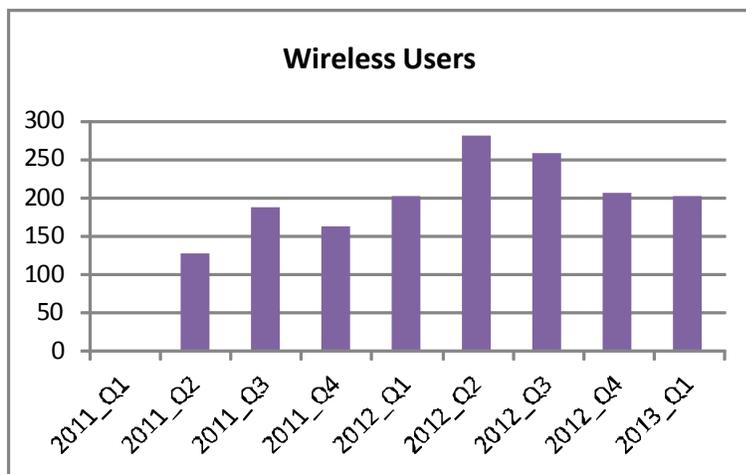
- ◆ 9 desktop computers
- ◆ 2 laptop computers
- ◆ 3 children's computers
- ◆ 1 JAWs blind software
- ◆ 1 MAGic low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 4 headphones sets
- ◆ 2 privacy screens
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > We use monthly press releases and outside sandwich boards to promote our library and events.
- > We are still partnering with Trapper Creek Job Corps so that student groups use the library three mornings a week before we open so they can search jobs, complete applications online, and build their resumes.
- > The library promotes library services and programs monthly through the 2 county-wide newspapers and the local community calendar. This month we held a job service orientation for local residents so they did not have to travel to Hamilton (17 miles north).

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