



BROADBANDUSA

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- > Both county newspapers had a notice that the libraries received BTOP funding, and the notice was also put on the Facebook page.
- > Branch librarian passes out pencils and pens and magnets to patrons who check out material and posts the library's hours at the local post office and senior center.

Geraldine Branch 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.

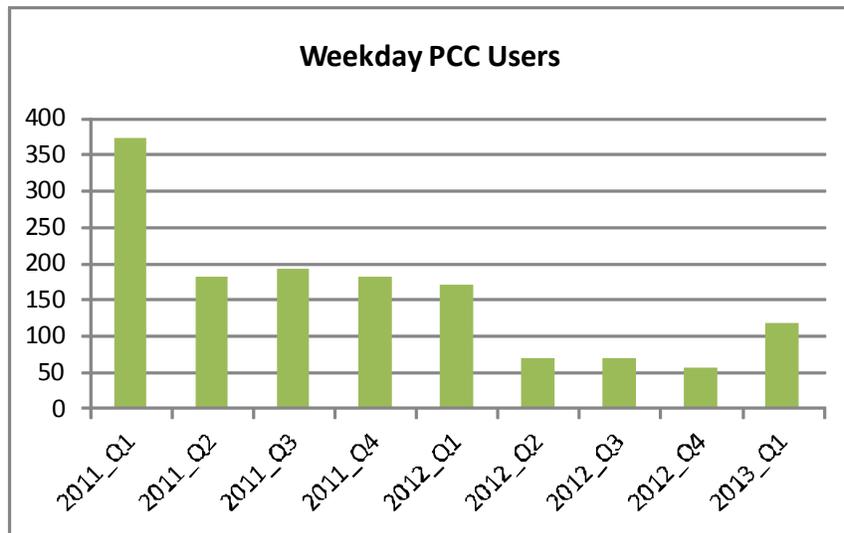
Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Triangle Communications	3.00	3.00

Geraldine Branch Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 1 desktop computer
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 2 headphones sets
- ◆ 2 privacy screens
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

Public Computer Center Usage



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
4	14	1