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Glacier County 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

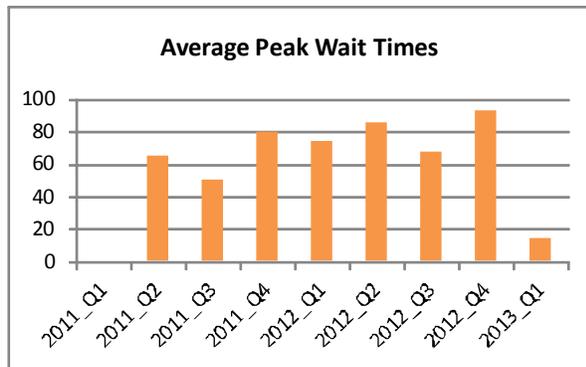
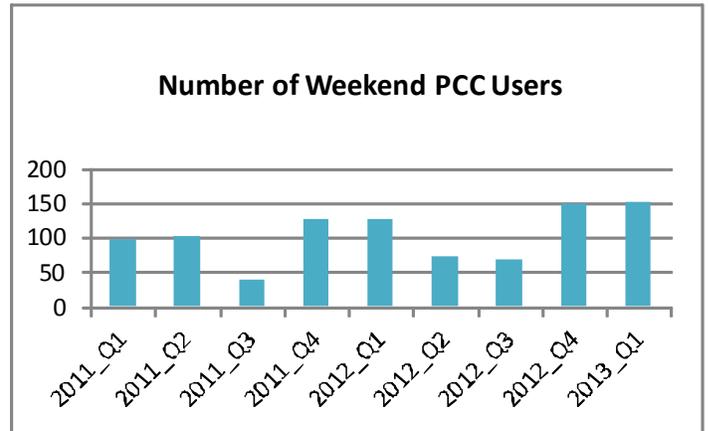
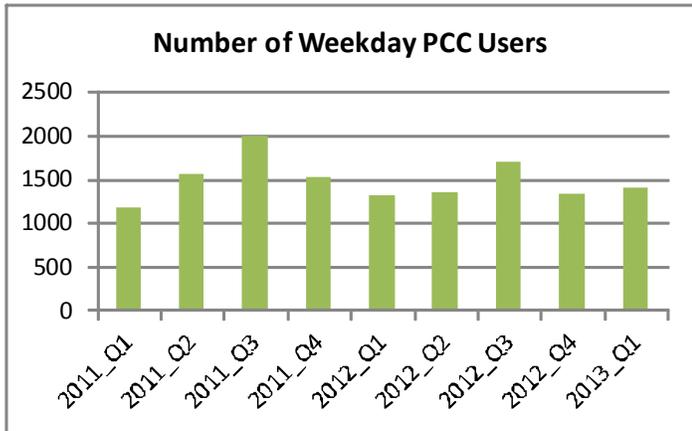
| Internet Service Provider | Original Broadband Speed | Current Speed (mbps) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Bresnan/Optimum | 0.50 | 10.00 |

Glacier County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

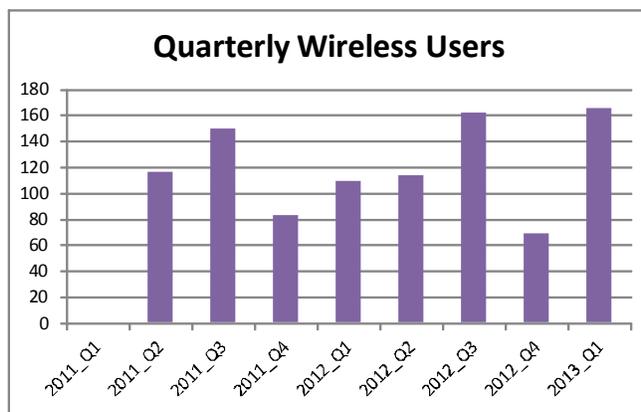
- ◆ 4 desktop computers
- ◆ 1 touchscreen computer
- ◆ 3 laptop computers
- ◆ 2 children's computers
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 8 headphones sets
- ◆ 3 privacy screens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

- > We have refurbished our computer area - new tile, more floor space - to enhance the beautiful new computers. We have passed out the Wild, Wild Web thumb drives to several patrons in need. We also pass out the cards and book marks.
- > Lauren McMullen gave a workshop on our computers and downloading MontanaLibrary2go.
- > We had a BTOP Open House in coordination with our annual friends membership drive and dinner.

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 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 7.41 | 926 | 7 |