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Great Falls 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

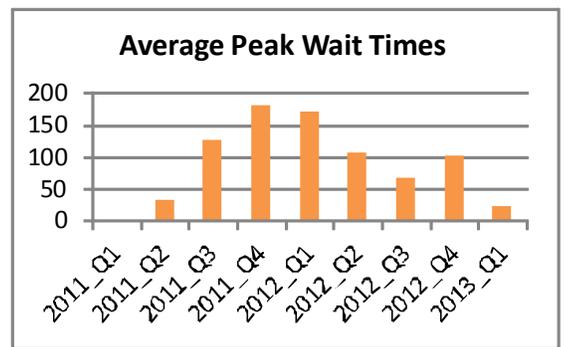
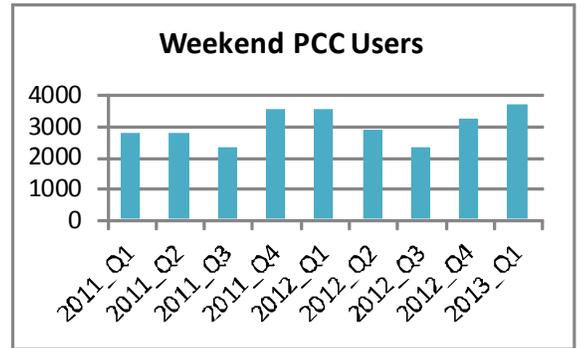
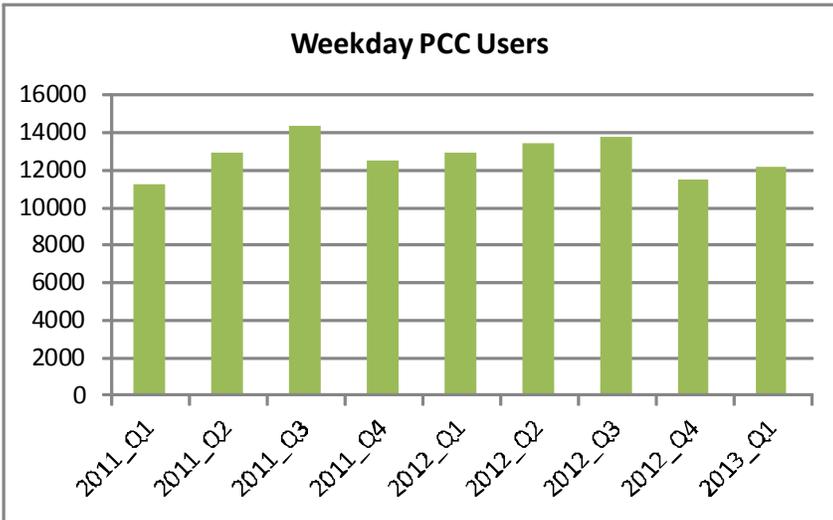
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Softworx, Inc.	5.00	7.00

Great Falls Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

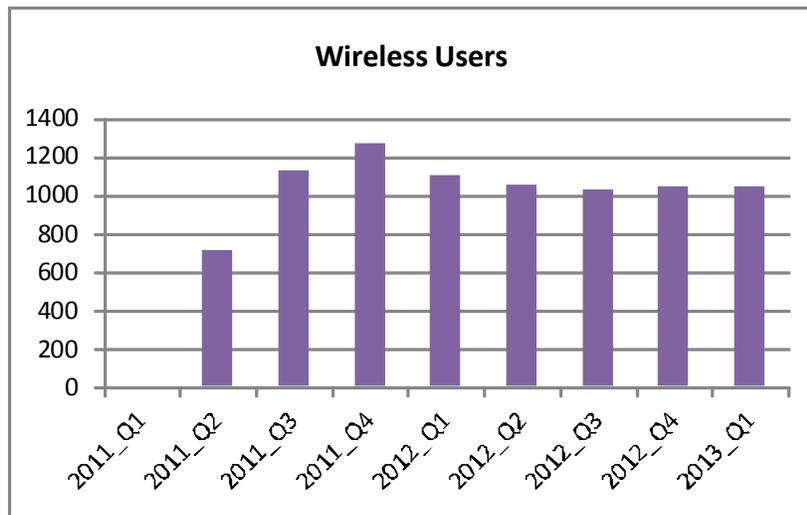
- ◆ 12 desktop computers
- ◆ 12 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 laptop cart
- ◆ 2 children's computers
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 JAWs blind software
- ◆ 1 MAGic low vision software
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification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

- > The manager of the Job Service stopped by the library and spoke to staff about library resources and Job Service resources. Staff may be providing some training to Job Service staff on library resources. Job Service is also interested in providing training.
- > Bookmobile was in the 4th of July parade/ library literature & freebies passed out along route.
- > Information staff presented a library resources session at the Job Service office.

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
141.98	8903	26