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Lincoln 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

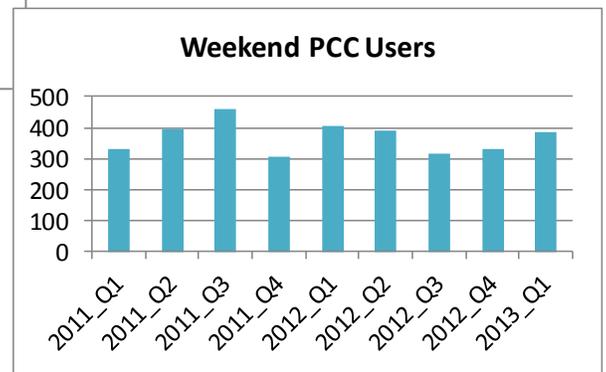
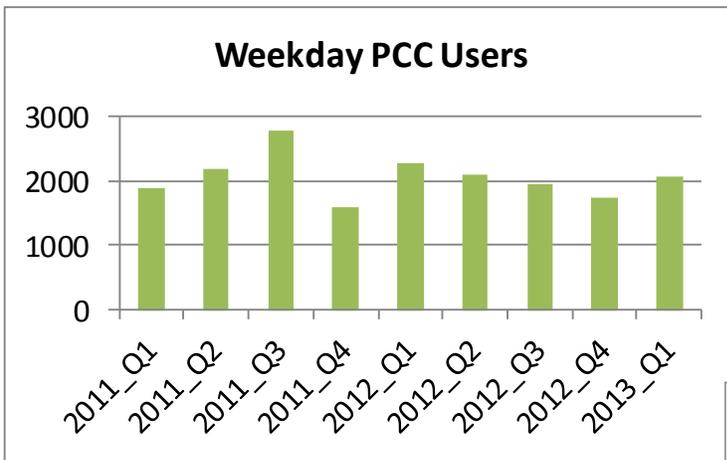
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Frontier	1.50	3.00

Lincoln County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

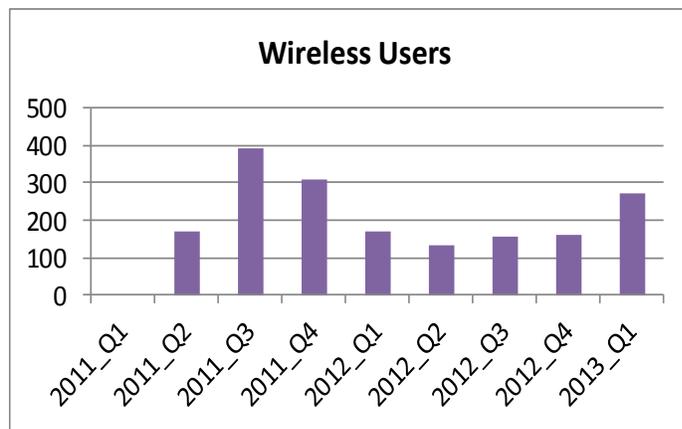
- ◆ 8 desktop computers
- ◆ 4 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 12 headphones sets
- ◆ 9 privacy screens
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆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

- > The local job service is proudly displaying the table tents, sending people to the library and is very excited about the whole project in general.
- > We have handed out several thumb drives to patrons with whom we have had lengthy one-to-one training sessions. These patrons tend to be less technology-savvy and really appreciate the help. They think the resources are fantastic!
- > This month the Library introduced the B.E.S.T program (Basic Employment Skills Training Program). The library is partnering with Kootenai Job Service to help the people in Lincoln County find and successfully use the resources that are available.

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
132.85	2851	69