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Miles City 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

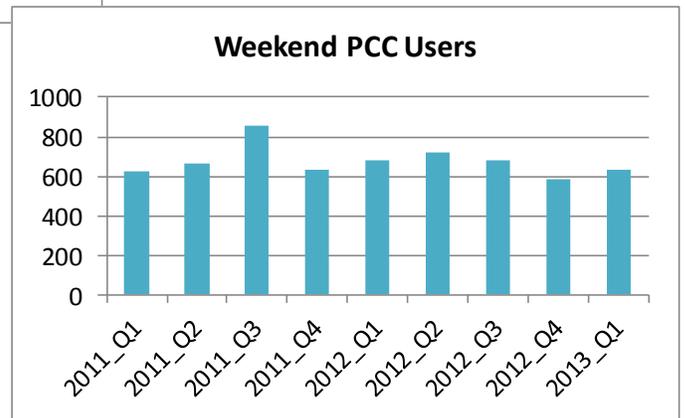
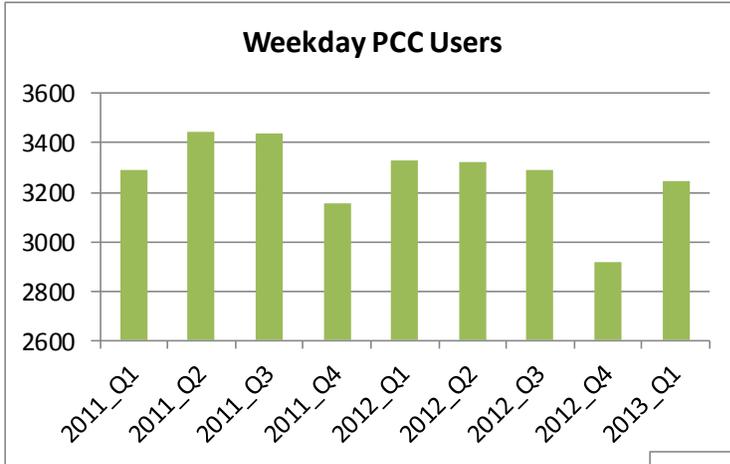
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Mid-Rivers	6.00	15.00

Miles City Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

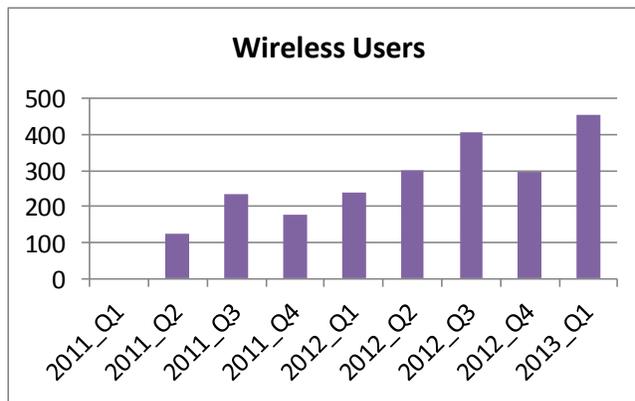
- ◆ 4 desktop computers
- ◆ 2 laptop computers
- ◆ 2 children's computers
- ◆ 2 Apple Work Stations
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ 50" HDMI presentation TV
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > Had a variety of presentations reaching 155 community members in the large meeting room, using the new presentation tv, during which new resources for the library were presented.
- > Utilized large presentation screen for Sagebrush Federation meeting.
- > Summer Reading Program: used BTOP PC in public meeting room for interactive youth programming (music, videos, educational tours).
- > Special Guest author Emily Danforth presentation (used Internet capabilities and video).

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
35.35	960	68