



# BROADBANDUSA

CONNECTING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



- > Church Visit - To inform members of community library services.
- > College of Technology National Advisory Board meeting - Brent Roberts, Library Director, presented an Orientation and Overview about Community Library services and technology available.
- > Library Open House - Thursday, September 13, 2012 - Promotion of City College Library, Community Library and new products and services being offered; such as BTOP laptops, Mango Languages and e-reader devices.
- > City College Rebranding and Renaming Celebration Program, October 24, 2012

## Parmly Billings MSUB/COT 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.

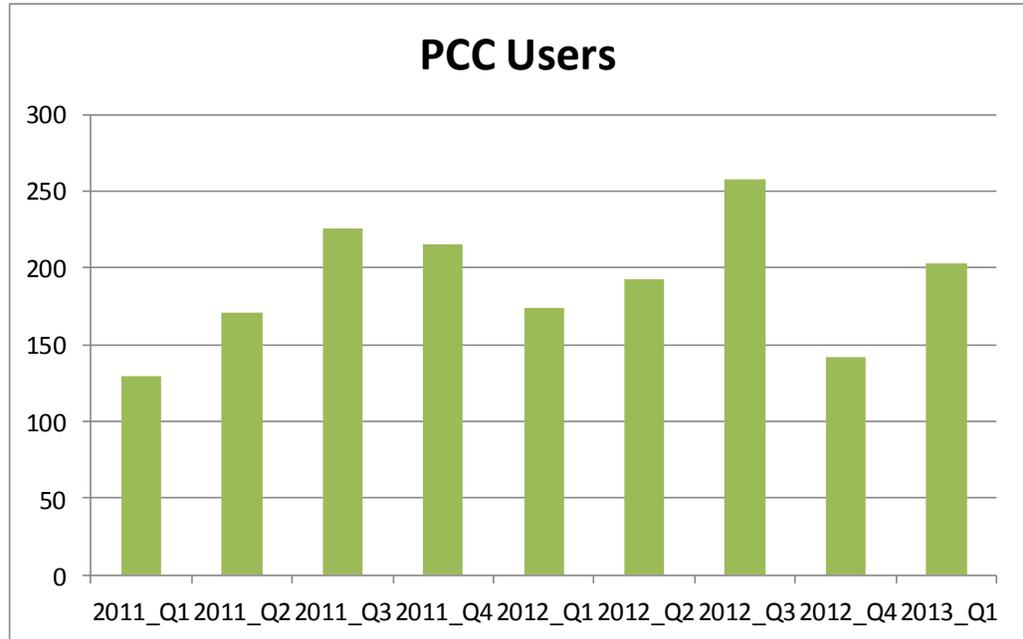
## Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
VisionNet	1.50	100.00

### Parmly Billings MSUB/COT Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 1 touchscreen computer
- ◆ 20 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 laptop cart
- ◆ JAWS blind software
- ◆ MAGic low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 5 headphones sets
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ 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
16	67	1