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CONNECTING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



Phillips 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

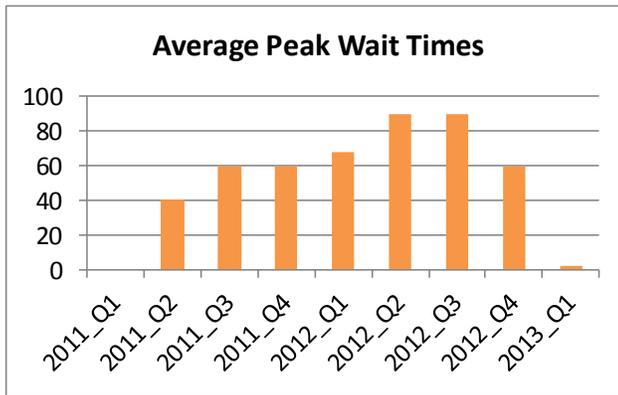
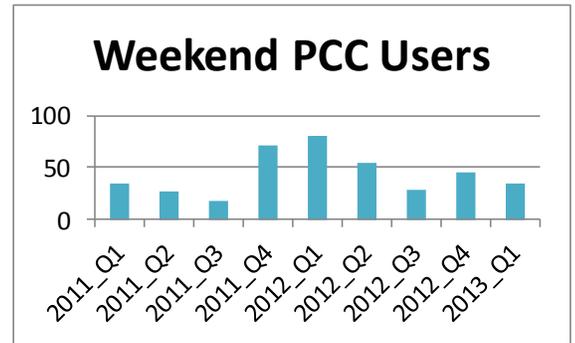
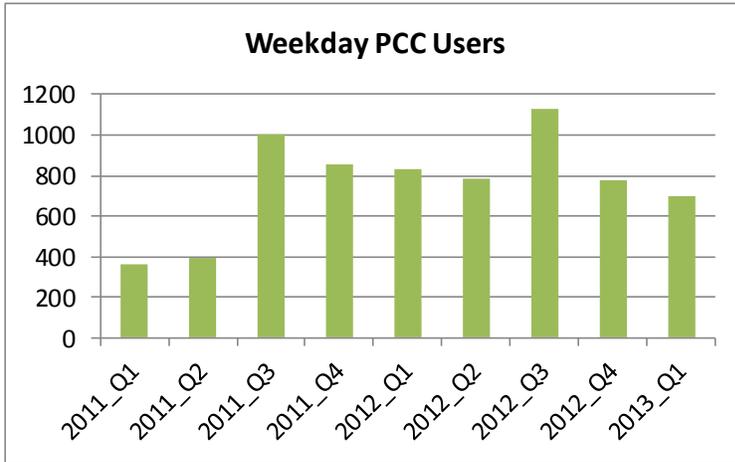
| Internet Service Provider | Original Broadband Speed | Current Speed (mbps) |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Triangle Telephone Company Central Montana Communications | 1.50 | 50.00 |

Phillips County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

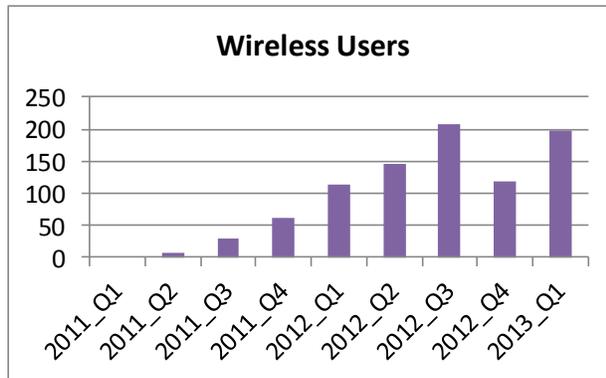
- ◆ 4 desktop computers
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 4 privacy screens
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- > Library Director spoke at monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting. Gave out library magnets with phone number and hours, also library pencils. Article with two pictures of new computers printed in the June 29, 2011 issue of the Phillips County News.
- > BTOP Open House and Gadget Training on 4/24/12. Lauren McMullen from the State Library came and helped patrons with e-Readers and other gadgets.
- > We had a library patron thank us, because he filled out the necessary paperwork to get his Independent Contractor's license on the library's computers.
- > A group of ranchers came to the library to have a class on mapping their ranches using Google.

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 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 39.82 | 218 | 8 |