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Preston Hot Springs Town/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

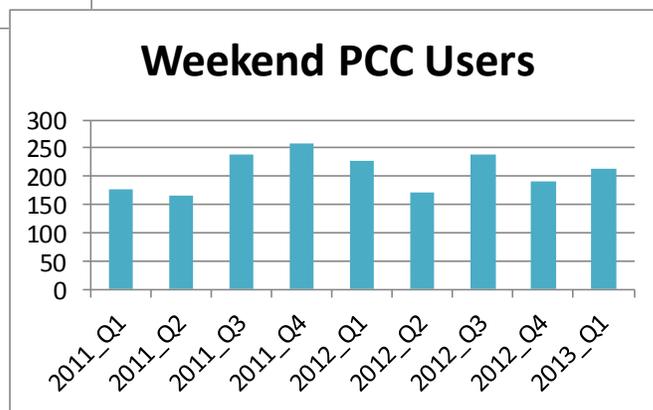
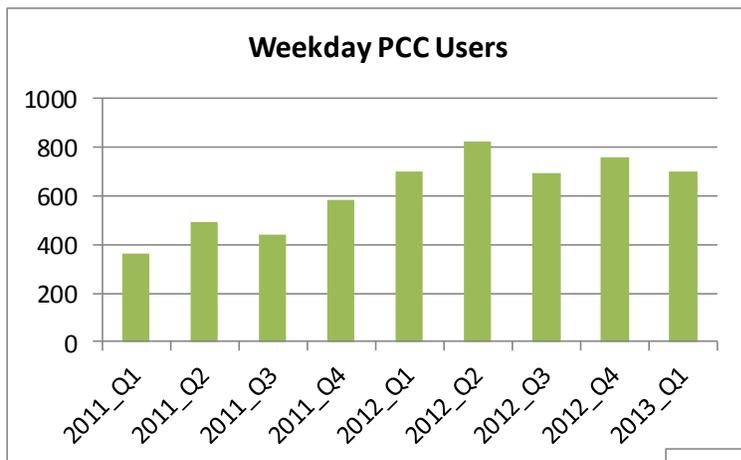
Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Hot Springs Telephone Company	1.00	8.00

Preston Hot Springs Town/County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

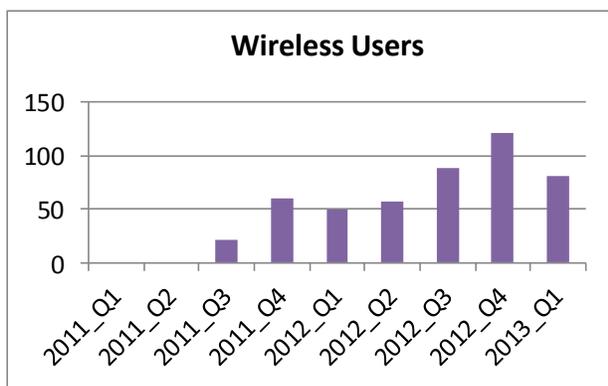
- ◆ 1 desktop computer
- ◆ 1 touchscreen computer
- ◆ 8 laptop computers
- ◆ 4 children's computers
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 9 headphones sets
- ◆ 1 privacy screens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

- > Kim made a brief presentation to patrons of the Senior Citizen Center. She reported on patron services available at the library including new opportunities available due to the equipment provided through BTOP. She invited patrons to visit the library.
- > I've submitted brief articles to both the print and on-line papers currently being published locally and renewed my efforts to communicate with the public about the print and electronic media available at the library.
- > We distributed a flyer at our Fall fundraising event spotlighting services and resources available at our library and communicating needs (in the form of a wish list) and hopes and dreams.

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
47.87	207	15