The purpose of the Montana State Library Fall Workshops is to provide continuing education opportunities to library staff, volunteers and trustees to maintain and improve the professionalism of libraries in Montana. Attendance is open and there is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is required.

To preregister, go online to: http://test.msl.mt.gov/fallworkshops/registration.asp

Registration opens August 15, 2011.

For more information, contact Fall Workshops coordinator: Jo Flick, jflick@mt.gov 444-0224.
## MSL Fall Workshops

### Schedule-at-a-glance

#### Friday September 23rd

**Morning 8:30 am - Noon**

- Updated Library “Spaces” & the Law – Mary Minow, Esq. - *Library Law Blog* (lib admin) ASPEN
- Play at the Library: Support Early Learning – Marisa Conner, Youth Services Coordinator *Baltimore County Public Library* (lib serv to the public) LEWIS & CLARK
- Data ROUND-UP – *panel* (lib admin) MADISON
- Technology Petting Zoo: MASTER’S LAB – MSL Consultants (tech) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK

**Afternoon 1:30 – 5 pm**

- Play at the Library: a Montana Model – Linda Clark & Cindy Christin (lib serv to the public) at BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
- Cataloging4Everyone ROUND-UP – *panel* (coll mgmt/tech serv) MADISON
- Libraries & Cultural Organizations Working Together – *panel* (lib admin) ASPEN
- Celebrating Law at the Library – Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Librarian (lib serv to the public) LEWIS & CLARK

#### Saturday September 24th

**Morning 8:30 am - Noon**

- Book Mending & Conservation – Audra Loyal, Vespiary Book Restoration & Bindery (coll mgmt/tech serv) LEWIS & CLARK
- The Digital Librarian: Service Delivery Models – *panel* (lib serv to the public) ASPEN
- Making Your Case: Using Data to Justify Library Services – *panel* (lib admin) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK
- RDA: Coming Soon to a Library Near You – Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University (coll mgmt/tech serv) MADISON

**Afternoon 1:30 – 5 pm**

- Montana Memory Project: Scanning 101 – *panel* (tech) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK
- The New Statewide Databases: *EBSCO & HomeworkMT.com* (lib serv to the public) MADISON
- eBooks ROUND-UP – *panel* (tech) LEWIS & CLARK
- Library Leadership – Dr. Mary Bushing (lib admin) ASPEN

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**Workshop Descriptions**

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Updated Library “Spaces” & the Law – Mary Minow, Esq. - Library Law Blog
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Libraries are reaching users in updated spaces. Some have new meeting rooms, and need an update on meeting room policies and the law. Some have public computing centers and need to brush up on user policies that comport with the First Amendment, CIPA, and intellectual freedom. Some are foraying into the realm of publishing their own library special collections online raising questions about minimizing liability while promoting public access. With Websites, Blogs, and social media, are libraries liable for user-generated content that may be infringing copyright? Mary will review the legal issues related to all these new “spaces” and Participants will receive a copy of a one page form to file with the U.S. Copyright Office to limit their institution's copyright liability.

Play at the Library: Support Early Learning – Marisa Conner, Youth Services Coordinator Baltimore County Public Library (lib serv to the public) LEWIS & CLARK

“Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth.” American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), 2006

Libraries appropriately provide learning spaces and activities to promote literacy for young children. Play is a perfect partner with books in creating an environment that supports emergent readers and models effective strategies that will promote family literacy. Among the recommendations of the AAP:

- Select toys to promote imaginative play such as blocks, over toys that require less imagination or passivity (television and computer games)
- Emphasize active child-centered free play
- Provide and support parents reading to children of all ages, even babies

Marisa Conner will explain why supporting play is important. She will discuss how to engineer a play space, incorporate play into existing children's spaces and activities at the library, and select appropriate active toys – on any budget.

Participants in this workshop are encouraged to attend Play at the Library – a Montana Model. This session qualifies as one session of the two required for eligibility to receive a Ready2Read bin from the Montana State Library.

Data ROUND-UP – panel (lib admin) MADISON

Libraries have more resources for gathering and accessing data than ever before. Montana Library2Go, digital catalogs and circulation records, the information generated by the State Library from individual library and federation reports, and online tools are all great sources for data that are at the fingertips of librarians. This session provides practical, hands-on experience on how to access that data in a useful way. The round-up format allows for participants to choose the reporting tools that most interest them and spend time with an experienced guide in small groups accessing and using those tools. To learn best practices for utilizing data, attend Making Your Case.

- Montana Shared Catalog Director’s Station – Amy Marchwick
Technology Petting Zoo: the MASTERS LAB – MSL Consultants (tech) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK

This session borrows from a familiar format: the science fair. Here, participants will work in a small groups to concoct imaginative solutions to real-life library patron needs using mobile technologies and eBooks. Each group will document their process working collaboratively and design a poster presentation to illustrate their project. The project presentation posters will be on display during breaks and lunches so all Fall Workshops attendees can appreciate (and steal) the great ideas generated during this session. At lunch on Saturday prizes will be awarded for “silliest solution”, “solution most likely to make a million dollars for its creators”, “best Montana library app”, and more. Fun, competitive, unpredictable, authentic, and challenging – this session will reframe how mobile technologies are perceived and utilized.

FRIDAY Lunch Buffet – Liz Lodman of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Lifejackets on Loan from the Library: an update Hyalite
Friday, September 23, 2011 Afternoon 1:30 – 5 pm

**Play at the Library:** *Linda Clark, Early Learning Specialist and Cindy Christin, Children’s Librarian, Bozeman Public Library* (lib serv to the public) BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

This workshop is a field trip to the newly constructed PlaySpace at the Bozeman Public Library dedicated to early learning through play with blocks. A longitudinal study (Wolfgang, Stannard, and Jones, 2001) found that complex block play improves cognitive performance in mathematics into high school. Other studies have linked problem solving skills to imaginative play with blocks. In this session, participants will explore the PlaySpace, brainstorm about what play centers might look like in libraries of all sizes, and discuss how to secure the resources to equip public libraries across the state with high quality learning materials for play spaces. Easy techniques for collecting compelling data to document program success will be practiced as well. And yes, for those who would like the opportunity for a little hands-on learning about early learning through block play, we’ll give you a chance to construct a castle or two.

Participants in this workshop are encouraged to participate in the *Play at the Library – Support Early Learning*. This session qualifies as one session of the two required for eligibility to reserve a Ready2Read bin from the Montana State Library.

**Cataloging4Everyone ROUND-UP – panel** (collection mgmt. & tech serv.) MADISON

Cataloging is a primary function of librarianship. This round-up style session starts with a self-assessment and an overview of the stations offered. Then, participants can select the station that most advances their skills and addresses their needs. In small groups, participants will gain hands-on, guided experience with records and different cataloging tools. This session takes place in the computer lab, but participants are encouraged to bring their personal laptops pre-loaded with their worst cataloging conundrums and a troublesome item or two as well.

- **MARC 101** will give you a basic understanding of MARC. You will discover locations and meanings of various elements of a MARC record. We will be exploring MARC for book and non-book materials alike. – *Megan Dazey*
- **Cataloging 202** - Learn how to use the Connexion browser to enter new records into WorldCat. Bring a book or two to catalog and your OCLC authorization to get some guided hands-on time with Connexion. We will also look at the Library of Congress Authorities site and talk about how to use the information found there in local library records. – *Roberta Gebhardt*
- **Montana Shared Catalog** libraries can review copy-cataloging and using SmartPort at the MSC-focused station. This comprehensive (and hands-on!) session will cover many topics, including effective searching, choosing the best record, the infamous |Z, setting properties, transferring records, and more. – *Amy Marchwick & Melody Condron*

**Libraries and Cultural Organizations Working Together: The Montana Memory Project – Steve Jackson -Museum of the Rockies, KellyAnne Terry & Nancy Watts-Lewistown Public Library** (lib admin) ASPEN

The Montana Memory Project is a unique project founded on an egalitarian collaboration between the Montana Historical Society, the Montana State Library, and numerous other cultural institutions that have an interest in making their Montana resources widely available. This cooperation is often mirrored
at the local level where libraries and local cultural institutions work together to digitize and upload content into the MMP. Libraries contribute expertise on creating accurate descriptions and cataloging records, while museums, historical societies, local government, and clubs work with libraries to develop rich digital repositories of documents and images that preserve and improve access to Montana’s cultural heritage. This session will celebrate exemplary examples of collaboration and provide guidance and direction for getting started with a new project.

**Celebrating Law at the Library - Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Librarian** (lib serv to the public) LEWIS & CLARK

Libraries play an important role in providing equal access to justice; they are a vital source of information about laws and the legal system. In this session, State Law Librarian Judy Meadows will present tools and support for planning and conducting a local program during Law Week. Judy Hart, director of the Lewis and Clark Public Library, will share the success of their 2011 event. Representatives from partner organizations will also be on hand to explain their role in assisting and sponsoring local programs. The State Law Library is gearing up to provide libraries with a speaker’s bureau, assist in planning, promoting, and evaluating local programs so that successful *Celebrate the Law at the Library* events will take place in libraries across the Treasure State the first week of May, 2012.
Saturday, September 24, 2011 Morning 8:30 - Noon

**Book Mending & Conservation - Audra Loyal, Vespiary Book Restoration & Bindery** (coll mgmt. & tech serv) LEWIS & CLARK

This three-hour class is designed to provide a basic toolbox of archivally sound book and paper repair techniques. Participants will learn how to triage, set up a small repair workstation, and perform procedures such as paper repair, surface cleaning, tip-ins, hinge repair, encapsulation, and simple enclosures. Time will be devoted to hands-on practice and a discussion of product vendors.

**The Digital Librarian: Service Delivery Models - panel** (lib serv to the public)

This session presents two very different concrete examples of how libraries have evolved to meet the challenges and opportunities of the digital information age. Rapid City, SD library determined that citizens had trouble finding local online resources to meet their day-to-day needs, so they committed to being the resource to connect users to local resources online. The result is a comprehensive portal called the Black Hills Knowledge Network. Greta Chapman, Director of the Rapid City Public Library (and formerly of Libby, MT) and Stephanie Bents will detail the genesis and process they used to develop and sustain this new service of the library. At the conclusion of this session, Honore Bray, Director of Missoula Public Library will introduce the Web on Wheels – WOW – Bus which is a product of the BTOP program. Tours included! ASPEN

**Making Your Case: Using Evaluation & Reporting Data to Justify Library Services - panel** (lib admin) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK

Every year the state library asks public library directors to submit their library’s statistics, but what do we do with those statistics and how can you get the most out of them? How can libraries improve their stories with local data and case studies? This session’s panel will showcase how your data can be transformed into telling library "brag books", fact sheets, talking points, and other tools that can be used to promote and advocate for your library. At times, your audience may be the State Legislature, City Council, or local patrons. We’ll discuss common questions and expectations each audience may have and how the data can be customized to "speak" directly to them. In the second half of the session, we will work in groups to respond to real-life situations, such as a possible budget cut, and create quick tools for advocacy that can be duplicated when you return to your local community.

**RDA: Coming Soon to a Library Near You - Robert Maxwell, Brigham Young University** (coll mgmt. & tech serv) MADISON

RDA - Resource Description and Access - is the new cataloging standard that will succeed the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition (AACR2). RDA was developed by a Joint Steering Committee representing constituent library organizations from around the globe including ALA and the Library of Congress. In this session, Bob will explain the birth of RDA and provide an update on the implementation schedule for the new standard. He will guide attendees through creating a new record using the RDA standard. Bob is a true champion of the new standard and he’s coming to Montana to not only evangelize it, but also to make sure that librarians are comfortable and competent with RDA.

**SATURDAY** Lunch Buffet HYALITE
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Saturday, September 24, 2011 Afternoon 1:30 – 5 pm

Montana Memory Project: Scanning 101 - Jo Flick & Lauren McMullen (tech) PONDEROSA-TAMARACK

The Montana State Library provides two high-quality large format flatbed scanner kits, complete with a laptop computer and hard disk storage available for loan to libraries or other agencies participating in the Montana Memory Project. This session is intended for library staff new to digital scanning who have little experience with the MMP. The first half of the session will introduce the goals of the MMP, cover the initial process for selecting and entering documents and images, consider some issues and concerns related to publishing materials online, and illuminate the value of preserving and increasing access to historic records and images. In the second half participants will get some hands-on experience using the scanner kits and uploading images and metadata.

The New Statewide Databases: EBSCO & HomeworkMT – Lisa Denis, EBSCO and Lauren Lobdell, Tutor.com (lib serv to the public) MADISON

Following review and deliberation by the Network Advisory Council in Spring 2011, the State Library Resources Division of the Montana State Library has revised its contract for database services, effective September 1, 2011. There are three significant changes: a new unified search tool for finding resources, Gale databases were replaced with similar content from EBSCO, and HomeworkMT is now part of the content provided to all Montana citizens. In this session, EBSCO will preview their resources and detail how their search tool works and tutor.com – the service behind HomeworkMT -will demonstrate the test prep, homework help, and live tutor services now available in Montana.

eBooks Round-UP - Suzanne Reymer and cadre (tech) LEWIS & CLARK

eBook technologies are constantly evolving; it’s hard to keep up. But, as more and more patrons acquire eReaders and as library information and texts are increasingly offered in electronic formats, it is becoming a primary task of library staff to help patrons navigate the shifting currents. In this session, MSL Consultant Suzanne Reymer will provide an update on eReader devices and eBook providers. During the second half of the session, Suzanne and a cadre of library staff will set up stations to help attendees get hands-on experience with a wide variety of eReader devices. Attendees are encouraged to bring along their own eReaders and their own laptop computers. This is a time to explore a new device, solve a vexing problem with a device you’ve used, or build a new level of mastery with these devices.

Leadership: It’s Not About Power – It’s About Service! - Dr. Mary Bushing (lib admin) ASPEN

Definition of leadership – it is in the doing not in the bestowing of a title!
In this session, we will distinguish between ordinary non-official leadership (often “leading from the middle”) and the official leadership of elected or appointed office, position, or title. We will consider how every day, unofficial leadership looks and behaves – assuming a force for good:

• Thoughtful
• Fair
• Competent
• Ethical
• Non-self-serving

We will distinguish between management and leadership, examine qualifications for leadership, and consider our own ideas about the characteristics associated with leadership along with our personal preferences for a leader we would wish to follow. Finally, we will engage in self-examination of our own abilities as a leader both unofficial and official and set personal goals for our own leadership development.

This is a workshop for everyone! We all have spheres of influence within which we are leaders— for good or ill. This workshop is intended to help us be more deliberate in our understanding and use of that power, both official and unofficial. It will help us to realize that we are responsible for how we wield the power and influence we have as individuals both within and outside of our library worlds.
Allison Badger is a graduate of Rocky Mountain College, holds an MA in History from the University of Montana and an MLS from the University of North Texas. She was an editorial assistant on UM Professor Dan Flores’ book, *Visions of the Big Sky: Painting and Photography in the Northern Rocky Mountain West* and a historian for the Heritage Research Center crisscrossing the nation in search of documents, government reports, and photographs. Earlier this year, Allison joined the Montana State Library as a Digital Services Technician. When she’s not preparing state publications for digitization, Allison enjoys reading e-books and playing games on Kindles and Nooks.

Donci Bardash is the BTOP Project Director responsible for coordinating the Montana State Library BTOP grant. She joined the project in November 2010. Donci has ten years’ experience managing grants and programs ranging from public health and education to social justice through a combination of roles with non-profit organizations and state government agencies. In 1999, she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

Stephanie Bents is the digital content coordinator for the Rapid City Public Library.

Honore Bray is the Director of the Missoula Public Library. She is Past-President of the Montana Library Association, was director of the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda, and served many years as a Home Economics teacher for Garfield County Schools. Demonstrating her nature for fairness, Honore attended both Montana State University and the University of Montana as well as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Mary Bushing, library educator and consultant, has worked in all types of libraries in the course of her long career. In addition to an MLS from Dominican University, she has a doctorate in adult & higher education from Montana State University where she did her primary research on the socialization and professional development of individuals working in very small rural libraries. She coordinated the Mountain Plains Library Association’s Leadership Institute for five years, and has held numerous elected and appointed professional positions. Among her many publications is a widely-used manual on collection assessment. Her consulting emphasizes collection development, organizational culture, and professionalism.
Greta Chapman has served as the Director of the Rapid City Public Libraries since 1998. Her library system was featured by USA Today in 2008 as one of the top ten libraries in the nation. Previously, she served as director of the Lincoln County Library in Libby, MT, as a school librarian, and she was co-founder of an early community internet service provider in NW Montana. Greta is always leading library initiatives in evolving technologies, most recently with social media.

Cindy Christin has been a children's librarian in Bozeman for 23 years. In addition to being a mother of three daughters, Cindy has been a preschool teacher, manager of a small publishing company, adjunct college instructor, and waitress. She has always loved books, children...and playing with blocks!

Linda Clark is an early learning specialist from Bozeman, Montana. Most recently, she developed and directed StoryMakers, the early language and literacy program of Hopa Mountain, a non-profit organization supporting citizen leaders in rural and tribal communities in the northern Rockies. Focusing on the gap between what we now know and what we do for and with children in the foundational years before formal schooling, she is searching for ways to make relevant research more accessible, exciting, and prioritized in policy-making and practice at all levels.

Melody Condron is the Library Systems Technician for the Montana Shared Catalog. On a daily basis she assists public, special, academic, and school libraries with their catalog/ILS and technical issues. Previous to her work for the Montana State Library, she was the Collection Management Librarian for the Lincoln County Public Libraries in Libby, MT.

Marisa Conner serves as the Youth Services Coordinator for Baltimore County Public Library. For the past 7 years, her responsibilities have included developing and coordinating public library programs for children birth through teens and creating active learning spaces designed to promote early literacy and school readiness in public libraries. Ms. Conner was responsible for developing the learning components for Storyville at BCPL. Prior to working in libraries, she spent 27 years in working in the field of public education, both as a teacher and administrator.
Tracy Cook works for the Montana State Library. She is a statewide consultant and trainer and works with public librarians and trustees around Montana. In 2010, Tracy received the Governor’s Award for Excellence for her service to advance the goals of the Montana State Library. When not working, Tracy loves to hike, golf, and canoe.

Megan Dazey is Interim Digital Initiatives coordinator for the University of Montana where she coordinates library-wide digital collections and plans implementation for an institutional digital repository. She has been the supervising cataloger for the UM since October 2009 and previously cataloged non-book collections and was a processing archivist for the University of Oregon. Megan holds an MLS from the University of North Texas and a BS in History from the University of Oregon.

Lisa Dennis is an Implementation Specialist for EBSCO Publishing. Her primary goal is to evangelize the EBSCO interfaces and databases through training. Prior to joining EBSCO, Lisa spent 8 years at Microsoft in product development and marketing. She was also the Director of Marketing for developerLabs, a Microsoft-certified partner. Lisa enjoys gardening, scuba diving, hiking America’s national parks – and reading, of course! When not traveling in western US and Canada, she’s at home in San Diego, CA with her husband, daughter and two happy dogs.

Joann (Jo) Flick is the Training and Development Specialist at the Montana State Library. Prior to coming to MSL, Jo was Training and Marketing Professional for the Agency for Instructional Technology, working from her home in East Glacier Park. Jo holds an MS Ed. from Indiana University in Instructional Systems Technology, and has 20 years of experience designing and distributing learning media. She’s also an EMT, volunteer firefighter, painter, Montana Master Gardener, and chosen human to three adorable kitties.

Roberta Gebhardt is Technical Services Librarian for the Montana Historical Society. She provides reference assistance and directs cataloging of books, documents, and maps. Previously, she was a reader advisor for the Montana Talking Book Library and Publications Assistant for the Montana State Library. Roberta is also a rancher, mother, and runner.
Trevor Gonser joined the North Lake District Library (Polson) staff earlier this year to provide public computing support and training. Previously, Trevor provided technical support to HR Block offices throughout the intermountain Northwest. His technical expertise and enthusiasm for Montana’s vast array of outdoor activities are equally great.

Judy Hart has served as Director of the Lewis & Clark Library since September, 2005. Prior to this she was Director of the Page Public Library in Arizona for eight years. Judy serves as chair of Government Affairs Committee of the Montana Library Association. She has worked in a variety of capacities in libraries for over 19 years. She received her B.A. in History from the University of Northern Colorado and her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Arizona.

Steve Jackson is Assistant Director and Curator of Art and Photography at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, MT. A Montana native, Steve holds a BS from Montana State University and an MFA from the University of Florida in Photography/Printmaking. Steve began his work for the Museum of the Rockes in 1981 as Museum Photographer. Steve serves on the Montana Memory Project Executive Committee.

Audra Loyal is the owner of The Vespiary Book Restoration & Bindery in Missoula, Montana. She has been working in the field of conservation for nearly 9 years. She has worked on items as diverse as tattered children’s books to unearthed time capsules. Originally from Santa Ynez, CA, she lived in Oregon and Japan before coming to Montana for an artist residency at The Clay Studio of Missoula. She also works at the University of Montana’s Mansfield Library.

Amy Marchwick recently joined the Montana Shared Catalog as trainer. She attended Montana State University, studying English Literature. Amy previously worked at the Belgrade Community Library for more than 13 years, and really enjoys helping people get hooked on books. She loves animals, and owns 3 cats and a dog.
Robert Maxwell is a member of the faculty of the Harold B. Library at Brigham Young University where he catalogs rare books, and maintains the Bibliographic Standards Committee’s Latin Place Names file. He received his doctorate from the University of Toronto. In addition to RDA and everything related to information organization, Bob studies the ancient world – from languages to mythology, the early history of text, and the use of mime in ancient times (his doctoral thesis).

Susie McIntyre is a second-degree black belt. She holds a BA in English from the University of Montana and a MLS from the University of Washington. Currently, she is the reference librarian at the Great Falls Public Library and she serves as President of the Board for Disability Rights Montana.

Lauren McMullen is a statewide consulting librarian for the Montana State Library and formerly served as Training and Development Specialist. As the training specialist, Lauren pioneered the use of online technologies to promote library learning across the Treasure State. She has an MLS from the University of North Texas and worked as director of the Carnegie Public Library (Big Timber) before coming to the State Library in 2006.

Judy Meadows is the State Law Librarian for Montana, a position she has held for nearly 3 decades. She is a past-president of the American Association of Law Libraries and has served on accreditation review panels for the American Library Association. Judy holds a MLS from the University of Maryland and a BA in PoliSci from The American University. Her passion is to promote civic engagement and a solid foundation in understanding how the law works.

Mary Minow is a library law consultant with LibraryLaw.com. She worked for over ten years in public libraries, in small and large libraries. She coauthored The Library’s Legal Answer Book, with Tomas Lipinski, published by the American Library Association. Mary has a masters of library science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a law degree from Stanford University.
Hannah Nash is the Youth Services Librarian for the Miles City Public Library. An enthusiastic adopter of technology and joiner of a multitude of social networking opportunities online, she’s equally zealous to share her expertise with others for the greater good: regularly presenting on technology topics, children’s books and activities, comics and other fun endeavors. She can be found slaving at the office, on her cell phone, reading in bed, playing with her kids, or hiding at the community theatre playhouse.
**Suzanne Reymer** is Consulting Statewide Librarian for the Montana State Library (since 1999). She is an avid explorer of e-books, e-readers and trends, actively researching new developments in electronic reading devices. Suzanne has a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and considers herself both a technology enthusiast and skeptic. She is an e-reader omnivore, having owned Kindles, Nooks, Sony Reader and Kobo e-readers as well as an iPad and several smart phones.

**KellyAnne Terry** grew up on a horse ranch in the Bears Paw Mountains of Montana, but a love of literature took her around the world and eventually to Lewistown where she is the Director of the Lewistown Public Library. She has worked in public relations and marketing for the past 15 years, and is educated in non-profit administration. She loves reading historical fiction and enjoys raising her family in a town surrounded by mountain ranges.

**Nancy Watts** has worked at the Lewistown Public Library since 1992. Her interest in local history began when she helped proofread a local history book called “History of Lewistown”. This led to collecting and indexing all the local history available. She has been a reference librarian and the Interlibrary Loan contact since 1993. Her main interest is collecting photographs of Lewistown and the surrounding areas in Fergus County.