

**Montana State Library Report**  
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**Goal One, Content: MSL acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.**

- **Digitization Project:** Library Information Services is continuing the fifth year of our on-going project to digitize state publications. More than 19,000 publications are now available online at <http://www.archive.org/details/MontanaStateLibrary>. The publications can also be found by searching the Montana Shared Catalog and WorldCat. For more information about how depository and non-depository libraries may provide more direct access to this digital collection and an even more comprehensive web archive of state publications at [MT.GOV Connect](#), please contact Beth Downs, [bdowns@mt.gov](mailto:bdowns@mt.gov) or 406-444-2870.
- **Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure:** MSL Geographic Information continues to manage several geographic information system (GIS) data themes within the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure <http://msl.mt.gov/geoinfo>. Climate data was recently approved by the State Library Commission as the 15<sup>th</sup> framework theme. MSDI work is prioritized per the FY13 MSDI [work plan](#). Several projects related to the cadastral, hydrography, administrative boundary and geographic names themes are underway at this time. In particular, the hydrography theme is receiving special attention thanks to the addition of a Water Information System Coordinator funded through one-time only funding from the Legislature.
- **Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) Wetlands and Riparian Mapping:** Wetlands and riparian areas are one of the 15 MSDI framework themes. The Natural Heritage Program is the steward for the wetlands data theme and its goal is to create a statewide digital wetland and riparian map layer as a resource for management, planning, and restoration efforts. With support from the Montana Wetland Council and other partners, the MTNHP maps wetlands and riparian areas to US Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) standards. To date, MTNHP has mapped over 1,539 USGS 1:24,000 scale quads for a total of more than 1,945,530 acres of mapped wetlands and riparian areas. More information may be found at: <http://mtnhp.org/nwi/>.
- **Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL) BARD online services:** The MTBL local Recording Program has been invited by the National Library Service (NLS) to join a pre-pilot project to test posting of our local recorded books on BARD for availability to patrons nationwide.
- The MTBL Digitization Project (from Legislative one-time-only funding approval) is progressing as planned with over 30 Montana cassette books converted to Montana digital books and now being circulated to our patrons.
- **Statewide Databases and Online Services:** The 2013-14 suite of statewide databases and online services are available to all Montana libraries enrolled in the [Montana Library Directory](#). Access information, URLs for each resource and support contact information is available at the new Directory "all staff" level accessible via librarians' individual library accounts.

- The statewide EBSCO databases include the Elite Mainfile primary suite package, the professional nursing database CINAHL with Full Text, the Auto Repair Reference Center and the Small Engine Repair Reference Center.
- “HomeworkMT”, available from Tutor.com, is the additional statewide resource within the 2013-14 statewide suite. Live online tutoring is offered in over 20 subject areas with coverage Sunday through Thursday 2 P.M. to 11 P.M. The ProofPoint Real-Time Writing Center allows student and tutor to collaborate in real time on reports, essays and papers for K-12 and College. A SkillsCenter Resource Library offers a library of worksheets, videos and sample problems based on subject (Math, English, Science and Social Studies) for Elementary-High School. The Career Resources Center includes resume and cover letter assistance and interview guidelines.

**Goal Two, Access: MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.**

- **“DiscoverIt”:** [EBSCO's Discovery Service](#) (EDS) is a powerful and customizable search tool that provides centralized searching and retrieval capabilities to all Montana library patrons. Patrons are able to search the following resources in a single search: the statewide suite of EBSCO databases, the Montana Memory Project, the Montana Shared Catalog, OCLC's WorldCat.org, and the catalogs of the Butte Silver Bow Public Library, the Lewis and Clark Library, and the Great Falls Public Library. Searching across catalogs in Discover It allows library patrons to search across collections and to request materials within a common interface. In addition, any electronic resources to which the library subscribes individually can be integrated or embedded as widgets. DiscoverIt is available to all libraries in the Montana Library Directory. Each library's individual site information, a customizable search box and a sample press release are available at the new [Montana Library Directory](#) “all staff” level accessible via librarians' individual library accounts.
- **EZProxy Centralized Authentication:** Montana Shared Catalog libraries can now take advantage of EZproxy for library card authentication into DiscoverIt and the EBSCO databases. Other libraries that do not have SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) authentication have different options if they use Microsoft IIS for their web server and/or if they have enabled ASP or ASP.NET web application frameworks. Libraries interested in this service should contact Cara Orban, [corban@mt.gov](mailto:corban@mt.gov) or 406-444-5431.
- **The Montana Natural Heritage Program** provides many online sources of information for the animals, plants, and habitats of Montana, focusing on those of conservation concern. The **Montana Field Guide** (<http://fieldguide.mt.gov/>) is one of its most frequently consulted resources. Field Guides include the Animal Field Guide, the Plant Field Guide, the Lichen Field Guide, and the Ecological Systems Guide. The Guides provide information on identification, habitat, ecology, and distribution of Montana's wildlife, rare plants, and ecological systems. The Guides contain descriptions, range maps, photos, and animal calls. The Field Guide also includes reference citations that are built from a WorldCat web service. The citations link to full-text articles when available or WorldCat records to easily facilitate interlibrary loan. In addition, and in response to requests from MTNHP Partners, portions of the Montana Field Guide are now available for downloading as PDF files for viewing off-line.
  - **Montana Talking Book Library's patron BARD sign-up project:** MTBL is currently beta testing the new NLS iOS BARDmobile app, along with several Montana and nationwide patrons.

- Readers' Advisors continue to encourage each new patron to sign up for BARD digital services, as well as existing patrons not yet signed up. In addition, each new and existing institution is encouraged to sign up for a BARD Demo account.
- The **Natural Heritage MapViewer** (<http://mtnhp.org/mapviewer/>) is an interactive web mapping service that empowers users to perform a variety of tasks to access and use Natural Heritage Program information. The MapViewer displays and provides reports for: 1) Land Cover and Ecological Systems for Montana; 2) animal and plant sightings from across Montana; 3) Montana Land Management information (including conservation easements, public lands, and managed areas); 4) thousands of on-the-ground, geo-referenced photos; and 5) wetlands and riparian areas.
- **The MSL Web presence** is undergoing significant change. Using a new content management system existing web pages are being transformed to meet new state web requirements and to give staff more direct control over web content. This process affords staff the opportunity to evaluate web resources for content and timeliness. The former [GIS data list](#) has been re-engineered to utilize standardized database driven pages for more efficient delivery. A new Statewide Library Resources [Learning Portal](#) is now available. It serves as a clearinghouse for a wide variety of training materials including recorded webinars.
- **MSL Geographic Information** implemented a new request management system that assigns a primary and secondary staff member each week to manage all information requests. The intent of this change is to provide efficient, effective and consistent service to our patrons while focusing the direction of staff not on call that week to priority work plan tasks.
- **Wetland and Riparian Web Map Service:** MTNHP and Geographic Information made available the Wetland and Riparian Web Map Service for public use. The service is now available at: [http://gisservice.mt.gov/ArcGIS/rest/services/MSDI\\_Framework/WetlandsRiparian/MapServer](http://gisservice.mt.gov/ArcGIS/rest/services/MSDI_Framework/WetlandsRiparian/MapServer) The map service allows users to view the most recently published and provisional wetland and riparian data for the state as well as the historical National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data.

**Goal Three, Training: MSL provides libraries, agencies, its partners and Montanans with appropriate trainings and training resources so that they can make the best use of the resources offered.**

- **Learning Portal Launched:** MSL training staff launched the Learning Portal at the end of January: <http://learning.montanastatelibrary.org>. The Portal is the destination for training and learning support for librarians. Trainers will continue to add content weekly to the website and will make adjustments to facilitate ease of use.
- **Webinars & online courses:** During Summer 2013, Cara Orban organized a 4-part course on administration of the DiscoverIt! search tool ([posted to the MSL Vimeo Channel](#)) while Jo Flick continued to offer "Just the Basics" training and "More Practice Searching" every month (Jo's introductory sessions are small classes and are not recorded). Jo also recorded two 30-minute introduction sessions that are designed for librarians to show students, teachers, and parents. One of these "BackToSchool" videos features a live tutor session at HomeworkMT and the other introduces the DiscoverIt! Search tool and some of the databases provided statewide. Now in production: a series of recorded short videos to introduce librarians to the Montana State Library Staff and to augment the [New Library Directors](#)

[Handbook](#): *The Public Library Administration Series*. The first segment which explores why and how the MT State Library collects statistical data from public libraries was recently posted to the MSL Vimeo Channel. The complete series of a dozen segments and a learner's guide will be completed over the winter. There are now more than 75 recorded video training resources posted to the MSL Vimeo site – training available for viewing anytime, anyplace; covering all four continuing education categories and affording librarians and trustees statewide the ability to obtain their certification anytime.

**Goal Four, Consultation and Leadership: MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.**

- **Early Literacy:** The third annual “Ready 2 Read Rendezvous” will be held at the Bozeman Public Library on October 11-13, 2013. Fifty librarians from throughout Montana are attending. Through funding from Governor and Mrs. Bullock and First Interstate Bank, complemented by LSTA funding, all meals and lodging, as well as travel costs, will be paid for all attendees. Speakers include internationally-renowned experts on their topics, many of whom have written “THE” textbook on the subject that they covered. The following workshops are offered: *Criss-Cross Applesauce: Making Mixed-Age Storytimes the Best They Can Be* and *Storytimes for Everyone: Adults as Partners in Developing Early Literacy in Children* both by Saroj Ghoting; *Blocks and Beyond: Play in Libraries* by Deanna Mackin; and *The Fully Engaged Library: How to Partner in Your Community to Support Early Childhood Development* by Julie Benson-Rosston.
- With money from the First Interstate Bank grant, we were able to develop trunks that are focused on Montana’s “Indian education for all” mandate and will be housed in libraries on Montana’s reservations. These trunks will circulate just like the existing “Ready 2 Read Goes Wild” trunks and will be available for check-out by schools, child care centers, Head Start programs, and library patrons in good standing. Staff worked with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the MT Office of Public Instruction’s Indian Education program staff to develop a list of materials that complement 1) the Growing Up Wild curriculum and the 2) Indian education for all mandate while helping children to develop early literacy skills and an interest in Montana animals and nature. The trunks include about 30 books that range in topics from Montana’s tribes to Montana’s native animals and habitats. They will also include ten different puppets that support the books, and animal parts such as skull replicas. These trunks now belong to the following libraries: Darcy McNickle Library at Salish Kootenai College; the Harlem Public Library; Glacier County Library; Little Big Horn College Library; Lame Deer Elementary School Library; the Stone Child College Library; and the Fort Peck Tribal College Library.
- **Excellent Library Service Award (the ELSA):** Last February, the MSL Commission approved a new way to honor Montana libraries. The ELSA is based on the public library standards with the requirements revised to be applicable to all types of libraries. To receive an ELSA, a library must meet an established number of the enhanced and excellent requirements from the standards. The first year of ELSA awards were announced at the MLA Awards luncheon in April. Libraries that received the honor were given a certificate, and a letter was sent from MSL to the appropriate governing body announcing that the library was recognized for providing excellent service. Look for information on Wired in January to apply for the ELSA award in 2014.
- **Federations Survey:** Montana’s library federations play an important role in library development around the state. Funding support for federations comes from state coal severance tax monies provided through the State Library and is divided between the six federations based on population served. After

administrative costs for time and travel by federation coordinators, remaining funds are allocated to participating libraries based on goals determined in each federation's plan of service. A federation's plan of service may restrict the use of the funds to certain programs such as continuing education or technology. Federation funding differs from the direct per capita/per square mile state aid to libraries that comes from the general fund, which may be used entirely at the library's discretion.

- A major impetus for federation funding is reflected in Montana code 22-1-401: "to pool resources and information and avoid duplication of effort".
- To assist both federations and the State Library in finding out more about the current uses of federation funding and the public value they support, librarians were asked to complete a Federation Membership Survey last spring. The results of that survey can be found on the State Library website at [http://msl.mt.gov/Library\\_Development/Consulting/Federations/default.asp](http://msl.mt.gov/Library_Development/Consulting/Federations/default.asp).
- If you have questions or would like to visit about the survey, you can contact your federation coordinator, your State Library consultant or Sarah McHugh at [samchugh@mt.gov](mailto:samchugh@mt.gov) or 406-444-9816.
- **Library District Laws Task Force:** The State Librarian recently seated a task force charged with evaluating the current library district election process and the laws that govern the formation and operation of library districts to determine if any legislative changes should be proposed during the 2015 Legislative session. The task force members include librarians from current districts and those who are interested in districts, the MLA Government Affairs representative, a representative from the Montana Association of Counties and Representative Ed Lieser from Whitefish. Their recommendations are due to the State Librarian in November and will be shared with the State Library Commission and the library community this winter.
- **Montana Land Information Advisory Council:** MSL continues to chair and staff the Montana Land Information Advisory Council. This council makes grants available to local governments to support the development of GIS, advises on priorities for the development of the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure and makes funding recommendations for the use of Montana Land Information Act funds. The State Library Commission approved FY14 MLIA grant requests at their June meeting awarding more than \$258,000 in grant funds. More information about the council and MLIA grants is available online.
- **Montana Memory Project -- Montana's Digital Library & Archives:** The new Montana Memory Project Director, Jennifer Birnel, began work on July 15, 2013. Members of a new Advisory Council have been selected and invited to participate in meetings twice a year. They will meet for the first time in October.
  - The 2013 Montana Memory Project grants have been awarded to six Montana cultural organizations:
    - Beaverhead County Museum in Dillon - \$1,000 for the Armstead, Montana photograph collection
      - Butte Silver Bow Public Archives - \$1,500 for the Charles Hauswirth papers and photographs
      - Carroll College Library in Helena - \$1,250 for college yearbooks
      - Phillips County Library/Phillips County Museum in Malta - \$1,000 for early local newspapers

- Rocky Mountain College Library in Billings - \$1,250 for college yearbooks
- Sidney-Richland County Library - \$1,500 for locally published histories, newspapers, and high school yearbooks

These organizations are in various stages of adding their content to the MMP, but the digitization work is complete or nearly complete and they have begun adding their content to the Project Client.

A cataloging committee was created in late July to review the metadata standards used by the MMP. New metadata guidelines are being written to align our practices with the Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL). The MMP will apply to become a partner with MWDL this fall. Our collections will be harvested by the MWDL, who is a hub partner for the [Digital Public Library of America](#). This will give our collections a much farther reach.

The improved metadata standards will also improve the ability to search our content. A new website is being discussed and will be developed this next year. The site will organize collections by genre and contributing institution, and it will offer more resources to the end user.

The MMP staff continues to do outreach and to assist with technical issues involved with using CONTENTdm and uploading collections. Visit the MMP at <http://mtmemory.org> or search the content through DiscoverIt.

- **The MTBL Patron Outreach Project** focuses on volunteerism, building statewide partners and an advisory group during the last quarter of the project. MTBL outreach presentations have increased due to the Patron Outreach Project media efforts. Tracking of the increase in new patrons continues to reflect the value of these outreach efforts.
- **Public Computing Center Guidelines:** State Library staff is pleased to announce the availability of new Public Computing Center (PCC) Guidelines. These guidelines are based on the new Library Edge benchmarks but are customized to be more appropriate for Montana libraries. These benchmarks serve as a great way to evaluate services offered by library public computing centers and as a communication tool to use with stakeholders to further develop and enhance libraries' public computers. The guidelines are a key piece of the State Library's BTOP sustainability plan. They can be found online through the MSL Library Learning Portal at [http://learning.montanastatelibrary.org/digitalliterac/public\\_computing\\_center\\_management/pcc\\_documents/](http://learning.montanastatelibrary.org/digitalliterac/public_computing_center_management/pcc_documents/)
- **Public Library Statistics in Map Format:** For those of you who prefer to see statistics in a visual format MSL staff have added maps to the online statistics center: [http://msl.mt.gov/For\\_Librarians/For\\_Public\\_Librarians/Statistics/reports/default.asp](http://msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/For_Public_Librarians/Statistics/reports/default.asp). These maps will allow users to see how they compare to other public libraries across the state. Users can customize the map to see as little or as much information as desired. More information about changes to the statistics collected by the State Library and about resources libraries can use to help the statistics tell their story will be shared at the Fall Work Shop.
- **OCLC Cost Share Formula Task Force:** This special task force is charged with developing options for an updated statewide cost share formula used to determine enrollment fees for participation in the statewide OCLC group services contract. The current formula is more than a decade old and was

originally based on measures that may no longer be meaningful in today's library environment. With the help of the task force members and feedback from all librarians, MSL hopes to develop a new model that is relevant to today's library services and that continues to allow libraries of all sizes and types to benefit from participation in the group services contract. Task force members include librarians from all types of libraries who utilize the statewide OCLC group services. Suggestions for a new cost model will be shared initially with the MSL Network Advisory Council in November, followed by the Commission in December. Any changes to the current formula will be shared in discussions with Montana librarians in January-February 2014. Changes to the formula would take place beginning with the FY2015 OCLC enrollment process.

- **State Publications Management Plan:** The Library Information Services (LIS) program published the [State Publications Management Plan](#). This document describes how the state depository library program has evolved to accommodate current state agency publishing practices and the information seeking behavior of state government researchers. MT.GOV Connect is now the primary means by which LIS acquires and provides depository libraries permanent public access to state government information. LIS staff is showing state agencies how this technology provides unprecedented access to their state publications and how any Montana library can become a depository by adopting the MT.GOV Connect search interface.
- **Statistics Task Force:** Thanks to the help of our Public Library Statistics Task Force that worked over the course of the spring and summer, the State Library was able to evaluate and improve the annual statistics we collect and will be making improvements to the statistics collection process. The State Library is currently implementing recommendations from the task force. This effort includes adding and removing certain data elements and providing more training and better definitions to improve the overall collection process. Information about this task force, including their complete set of recommendations is available online via the About section of the MSL website.

**Goal Five, Collaboration: MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.**

- **Certification Program:** MSL encourages librarians and trustees to consider notifying city and county officials when they have completed the requirements for certification. The State Library, with permission, can send a letter, or the local library can make the announcement. To further recognize library workers who earn certification, MSL will place an 'ad' in the MLA conference booklet listing all recent certificate recipients.
- **Courier Pilot:** The Statewide Courier Project includes a growing group of libraries served by Critelli Couriers, a Butte-based courier service. The project is facilitated by the Butte Silver Bow Public Library. A complete list of current participants can be found on the [MLA website](#). Contact Cara Orban, Statewide Projects Librarian or Lee Miller, director at Butte Silver Bow Public Library, for information about the courier project.
- **MontanaLibrary2Go:** This summer, three academic libraries joined the MontanaLibrary2Go e-content consortium - MSU Billings, MSU Bozeman, and MSU Havre - bringing the consortium to 84 libraries. In addition, there were several financial donations made to purchase new content, adding significantly to the selection budget. The statewide selection team rotates the purchasing process monthly, carefully developing this shared collection for all members.

- The MontanaLibrary2Go membership met in Miles City on May 2 to vote on the MontanaLibrary2Go bylaws, annual budget, and cost share formula. Next spring the membership will meet in conjunction with the MLA annual conference in Billings.
- The MSL e-content pilot should be live later this fall. This is a supplementary collection of ebooks in EPUB or PDF format acquired from publishers and content creators independent of the OverDrive platform, and hosted on an Adobe Content Server that allows for greater control over setting permissions and circulation policies. MontanaLibrary2Go participating libraries are encouraged to submit purchase requests and also to direct local content creators to Cara Orban for possible inclusion in this collection.
- **The MSL Network Advisory Council:** The NAC met in Bozeman for their yearly retreat on July 9. They engaged in retreat activity that involved coming up with completely new statewide projects in the areas of technology, training and community partnerships. Several new ideas resulted from this activity that will be further discussed at the November and March NAC meetings. The next meeting of the NAC is November 12 in Helena. They will discuss options for statewide project for remaining FY13 LSTA at this meeting. Librarians should contact their NAC representative ([http://msl.mt.gov/About\\_MSL/network\\_advisory\\_council/network\\_tf.asp](http://msl.mt.gov/About_MSL/network_advisory_council/network_tf.asp)) if they have thoughts to share on matters within the purview of the Council.
- **Montana Shared Catalog (MSC):** Three new libraries joined the MSC since the last report: (Fort Peck Tribal College, Judith Basin County Free Library (Stanford and Hobson). The Big Timber K-8 School chose to leave the consortium. Total membership is now 167 libraries and branches. Two more libraries are preparing to join the Partners Resource Sharing Group; Prairie County and Missoula's Potomac Branch. A milestone was reached on Aug 1 when the consortium went over the 5,000,000 mark in annual circulation. The consortium's Symphony ILS software was upgraded in July to the latest vendor version. The new Enterprise end-user, search interface was also upgraded in July and is nearly ready for the first phase of implementation. The membership approved the purchase of three new add-on products; Mobile Circulation module (general release this fall), eResource Central (add after Enterprise implementation) and "Shoutbomb" SMS text messaging service (currently testing). The catalog deduping process, with work being performed by four temp hires from the MSC cataloging community, was completed in May with more than 40,000 records processed. The catalog also completed updates required for the new RDA cataloging procedures including extensive work with field displays and authorities. During their summer retreat, the MSC Executive Board discussed resolving the MSC support staff situation so that it can resume acceptance of applications from school libraries. More discussion with the Office of Public Instruction and the membership will take place during the Fall Members meeting on Sept 26 in Helena.

**Goal Six, Sustainable Success: MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and is successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.**

- **Montana State Library Commission:** The State Library welcomes new Commissioner Fredricka Hunter. Fredricka is the American Indian Student Services Director at the University of Montana. She replaces outgoing Commissioner Marsha Hinch who is the Library Director at the Choteau-Teton County

Library. Marsha joined the Commission in 2007 and served as chair in 2008 and 2009. During her time on the Commission Marsha was a champion of the OCLC Group Services contract.

- The next meeting of the Commission will be held on October 9th at Lewistown Public Library. Meeting materials and information will be posted online at: [http://msl.mt.gov/About\\_MSL/commission/default.asp](http://msl.mt.gov/About_MSL/commission/default.asp). There you will also find a feedback link. The Commission appreciates your comments on items within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- **MTBL Patron Center**, developed in-house is continuing to grow with the goal of making available various new low vision and blind demonstration software, equipment and other devices for patrons to test. In addition, professionals working in the low vision and blindness environment will be able to schedule appointments in the Patron Center for instructional purposes with their clients.
- The annual **MSL/MTBL Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on October 10, 2013, in East Helena to honor the over 90 state library and talking book library volunteers for their generous, skills and outstanding efforts in assisting staff to provide free library services to Montana patrons. This year's theme is "Volunteers Deal a Great Hand".
- **Montana State Library Staff Updates:**
  - MSL is pleased to welcome Troy Blandford as our new Water Information System Coordinator. Troy comes to us from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation where he served as a GIS analyst and programmer in the Water Resources Division. His familiarity with key stakeholders of the Water Information System will aid him as he revitalizes the program.
  - MSL is also very pleased to announce that Jennifer Birnel, former BTOP trainer, has accepted the Montana Memory Project Director position. Jennifer is well-known in the Montana Library Community and is respected as a competent and thoughtful partner.
  - Also joining the MSL staff is Scott Story as our database analyst. Scott didn't have to move far as he formerly worked for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as a partner in our building. Scott's background managing natural resources data in a SQL/GIS environment makes him a great fit for this position.
  - Pam Henley also joined MSL staff in early October as one of our three Statewide Consulting Librarians. Pam has been part of the Montana library community for many years and brings substantial professional expertise to her new position.
- **Some Upcoming Library Meeting Dates:**
  - September 12, Golden Plains Federation meeting, Wolf Point
  - September 26, Montana Shared Catalog membership meeting, Helena
  - September 26-27, Fall Workshop, Helena
  - October 2, Broad Valleys Federation meeting, teleconference
  - October 9, State Library Commission meeting, Lewistown
  - October 11-13, Ready 2 Read Rendezvous, Bozeman
  - October 12, South Central Federation meeting, Harlowtown
  - October 12, Sagebrush Federation meeting, Miles City
  - October 17, Pathfinder Federation meeting, Fort Benton

- November 12, Network Advisory Council meeting, Helena
- Rely on the State Library event calendar for the latest information on meetings, trainings, webinars and more: <https://app.mt.gov/cal/html/event?eventCollectionCode=msl>.