

**MEMO**

**To:** State Library Commission  
**From:** Sue Jackson  
**Re:** LSTA Project Updates  
**Date:** August 2, 2000

**1999 and 2000 LSTA Projects**

**→FY 99 Grant Award Carried Over to 2000 = \$366,580←**  
**→FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975←**

<b><u>Library Improvement Project for Lake County</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 00 = \$50,000]</i></b>
<b><u>Montana Library Network</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$160,861]*</i></b> <b><i>FY 00 = \$324,091]</i></b>
<b><u>Montana Library Services Advisory Council</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$4,500]*</i></b>
<b><u>Montana State Library Operations</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 00 = \$350,884]*</i></b>
<b><u>Networking Task Force</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$8,500]*</i></b>
<b><u>Statewide Technology Librarians</u></b>	<b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$97,500]*</i></b>

[\*see Kris Schmitz's report for total expenditures to date for these projects]

**Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County:** see Bob Cooper's report for update on project activities.

***[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$40,000; (\$38,269 carried over to 2000); total expenditure to date = \$19,065.39]***

**Summer Institute 2000:** The first Summer Institute was a success. Thirty-nine public library directors and five other library staff attended the weeklong Institute on the MSU-Billings Campus. Evaluation forms from the participants gave the experience (including dorm life) very high marks, and the librarians expressed their appreciation of the training and the opportunity to meet and share information with other library directors. The group presented a proclamation to MSL staff stating that the "Institute 2000 has been the best experience of training and networking that the public library directors of the state have had." Total cost for the Institute was \$19,176.60. The LSTA expenditure is less than this amount because year-end state money equaling \$2,205.24 was used for selected Summer Institute expenses. State year-end money allowed expenditures to be included in the base.

***[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$50,000; total expenditure = \$16,971.36]***

**2000 Fall Workshop**: Planning continues for the workshop, which will be held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown on September 22-23. Training topics include: Accounting Skills for Library Budgets; Advanced Reference Service: Business Resources and Montana on the Web; Evaluating Web Resources; Libraries Build Sustainable Communities; Personnel Issues in Libraries; Talking Book Library Services; Technology Aspirins: How to Eliminate Headaches by Keeping Your Windows Clean and Protecting Your Data; To Weed or Not to Weed; and Using the InfoTrac Database. Registration forms will be sent to libraries as inserts in the August issues of the *Big Sky Libraries* and *Focus* newsletters. Participant numbers may be lower than last year (108 registrants in 1999) because of other training scheduled this fall including the Gates Foundation and OCLC workshops.  
**[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$6,950]**