

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Tracy Cook, Statewide Library Resources Director
Jessie Goodwin, Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) Director

Date: February 24, 2017

Re: MSC New Libraries

Montana State Library staff and MSC Executive Board Members (Bobbi deMontigny, Jessie Goodwin, Amy Marchwick, Mike Price, Roberta Gebhardt, Mark Wetherington) recommend that the Commission accept the applications of the following libraries for membership in the MSC.

- Livingston School District – four locations; not currently automated, no data migration. The district’s high school library (Park High School) is already an MSC member. Joining the MSC would allow all Livingston School District libraries to utilize the same integrated library system (ILS) and opens up the potential for expanded resource sharing in Livingston as the Livingston-Park County Public Library is already an MSC member.
- Big Sandy Public Schools – two locations; not currently automated, no data migration. The addition of the public schools to the MSC opens up the potential for expanded resource sharing in the Big Sandy community as the Big Sandy Public Library is already an MSC member.
- Ida Dockery Owen Library (Yellowstone Christian College) – one location; outdated ILS, no data migration. This library houses a unique collection and is located near several current MSC member libraries. Other college libraries who maintain MSC membership include Aaniiih Nakoda College Library, Fort Peck Tribal Library, Flathead Valley Community College Library, Montana Bible College Library, and Stone Child College Library.

Applicants requested a total of \$6,810 in Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) LSTA monies to cover their startup costs. Staff and the Network Advisory Council will consider this request when they prepare the Library Development budget recommendation later this spring. The Commission will consider this budget in June. The MSC Director notified applicants of the delayed funding timeline and the possibility that funds may not be budgeted for new MSC libraries due to the current known reduction in our FY17 LSTA award.

Big Sandy Public Schools and Ida Dockery Owen Library intend to become MSC members even if start-up funds do not become available. Livingston School District wishes to continue with the application process at this time, but has not yet confirmed their intent to join the MSC if funding is not awarded.