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**To:** Network Advisory Council      **Fr:** Tracy Cook, SLR Director

**Date:** October 27, 2016

**Re: Library Development Update August – October 2016**

Here is a quick update on activities that Library Development staff have been working on since August 2016.

## Consulting:

- Fall is the time of year when the consultants are attending Federation meetings.
- It is also when they visit libraries to address particular topics; and/or work with new library directors.
- Topics covered – either face to face or via phone include:
  - Local government relations
  - Districts
  - Accounting/budgeting questions
  - Strategic Planning
  - E-rate
  - Future of libraries
  - Federation reporting; statistics; standards
- The consultants have also worked with Jo Flick to provide training at the MSL workshops.

## Continuing Education:

- The biggest project during this time was the MSL Workshops which were held in September in Polson. We had 45 people register. Sessions included MSC cataloging; customer service; public computing safety; mind in the making; and a future of libraries session designed for trustees and directors.
  - People enjoyed the smaller setting, the location, and the sessions.

- We want to increase attendance and will do so by increasing our marketing efforts, and ensuring that we are offering sessions people value. With any new project, sometimes people don't realize a change has happened. We want to see if attendance improves once people realize these traveling workshops have replaced the traditional Fall Workshop.
- Jo Flick has also been working with our web developer on the design of a new event calendar and CE/Certification system for the product that will replace our current directory.

#### Lifelong Learning Librarian

- Sara Groves has been working with the NAC subcommittee on her priorities.
- She continues to work on Ready2Read; the texting service; and the collaborative summer reading program.
- She has begun to contact other agencies and groups and has attended meetings to meet potential partners for programming.
- Sara also taught at the MSL Workshops and ASLD/PLD Retreat.

#### Montana Memory Project:

- Jennifer Birnel has been working with museums, libraries, and other partners to increase the number of collections.
- She led a workshop at the Montana Historical Society conference.
- She is working closely with OCLC to improve ContentDM.
- She has also been working to become a hub for the Digital Library.

#### Montana Shared Catalog

- The MSC staff have been working on the server migration; Enterprise; training efforts; the technical services summit; and Partners.
- The Livingston-Park County Library went live in September.
- The MSC members met in October to discuss the possible server migration; cataloging; and other topics.

#### Statewide Projects

- Cara Orban has been working with MontanaLibrary2Go on the new cost share formula.
- She has also been exploring the possibility of becoming a LEAP partner.
- Much of her time has been spent on the LSTA 5-year evaluation process.