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MONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATE AID STORIES
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Library State Aid funding increased in 2013 from 10 cents to 40 cents per capita. In 2017, this lifeline for libraries will end without legislative support.

THE IMPACT OF INCREASED AID
FROM
**GREAT FALLS PUBLIC
LIBRARY,
GREAT FALLS, MT**

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Our library experienced a decrease in local funding during the past two years, so the increase in state funding enabled us to continued purchasing collections, including membership in MontanaLibrary2Go. So while we've had to decrease operating hours and staff, increased State Aid lets us still offer the quality service and collections our community expects and needs across all age and socioeconomic groups. We are a cornerstone of the community, a venue for learning and personal growth as well as an important social and public space open to everyone.

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