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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  
**ROSEBUD COUNTY  
LIBRARY,  
FORSYTH, MT**

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We've upgraded our facility from new light fixtures to fresh paint, but the most important benefit from the State Aid increase was forming better relationships with our communities.

More patrons use the lounge area to read; kids and parents are interacting in the children's area like never before; we went from very few tweens/teens using the library to regular usage by these groups; and more people are interested in volunteering. We've partnered with Forsyth High School shop students to create a tree-shaped bookcase and mushroom stools for the children's area as well as seating for Teen Territory created out of pallets – and both locals and travelers use our free WiFi.

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