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## Online-Only Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Proposed MSL Budget Cuts

(**HELENA**) --- The Montana State Library Commission will hold an online-only meeting beginning at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, to discuss an early draft of the state library's budget reduction plan.

No action will be taken at this meeting. However, public comments on this or any other matter will be taken. All comments received, including those received through the online meeting platform, become part of the official State Library Commission's public record in accordance with MCA 2-3-212.

Members of the public who wish to join the virtual meeting should contact Marlys Stark at 406-444-3384 by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017.

The Montana State Library Commissioners include Chair Bruce Newell of Helena; Kenning Arlitsch, appointee of the commissioner of Higher Education; Elsie Arntzen of Helena, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Connie Eissinger of Brockway; Anne Kish of Twin Bridges; Aaron LaFromboise of Browning; and Ken Wall of Missoula.

The State Library Commission sets forth policies and funding priorities that empower the State Library to meet its mission and statutory obligations and to advocate for the State Library and the Montana library and information communities whenever possible.

Members of the public who wish to join the meeting remotely can login at <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/714202933">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/714202933</a> You also can dial in using your phone in the United States at: +1 (872) 240-3212. The Access Code is: 714-202-933

The State Library Commission has scheduled a public comment meeting on June 6 at 2 p.m. in the Montana State Library Grizzly Conference room to take additional public comments on the draft budget reduction plans.

## **About the Montana State Library**

Through its statewide programs, the Montana State Library empowers Montanans; enhances learning in families and communities; builds 21st Century skills; and provides opportunities for civic participation. For more information, visit <a href="http://msl.mt.gov">http://msl.mt.gov</a>.