

**Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)  
BridgerNet & 4Rivers Sharing Group Reorganization Meeting  
February 5, 2014 Belgrade Library Belgrade, Montana**

Present: Pamela Henley, MSL; Susan Gregory, Bozeman; Gale Bacon, Belgrade; Jodi Smiley, Boulder; Donna Worth, Whitehall; Adam Kish, Twin Bridges; Jack Albrecht, Thompson-Hickman County; Trudy Dundas & Kari Eliason, Manhattan Community School Library, Amy Marchwick, MSC; Ken Adams, MSC; Carly Delsigne, North Jefferson County.

(via GoToMeeting) Marie Habener, Dillon; Melody Condron, MSC.

Absent: Holly Harper, Bruce McPherson, Debbi Kramer, Kathy Knack, Bill Talbott.

Meeting convened at 10 a.m. with a wonderful tour of the Belgrade Library followed by introductions. Carly Delsigne, North Jefferson County, was appointed to record minutes.

Ken Adams, MSC Administrator, gave the background on and overview of reorganization project. Directed by membership at the Shared Catalog's 2013 Fall meeting, supported by the MSC Executive Board, Network Advisory Council, and Montana State Library Commission, the reorganization project's goal is to return the Catalog to its original mission: library development and resource sharing. For more information and the most current timeline, please see website: <http://libraries.montanastatelibrary.org/statewide-projects/montana-shared-catalog/reorganization/>

First Recommendation: A major part of the reorganization is for sharing groups to have their own written policies and regular communication/meetings among members. BridgerNet partner members discussed the need for and committed to creating organizational documents and meeting at least twice a year. They discussed using the already established Partner Sharing Group and 4 Rivers documents to create something that would work for them. These documents are found on this website: <http://libraries.montanastatelibrary.org/statewide-projects/montana-shared-catalog/partners/>

Amy Marchwick, MSC Training & Technical Support, reviewed the current item-types and circ rules used by the libraries in the sharing groups and the importance of streamlining. (Please see handouts.) Melody Condron, MSC Systems Technician, spoke to the need to establish a solid understanding of how each partner group functioned not only among their members but also MSC staff.

Second Recommendation: MSC staff encouraged the sharing groups to specify which item types would be shared among them. 4Rivers reaffirmed their modified version of sharing all item types. After discussion, BridgerNet Sharing Group agreed to open sharing of all item types except non-circulating and new, with the plan to revisit sharing new items at a later date.

Third Recommendation: MSC staff presented the Sharing Group Rules and recommended they be accepted without exception. (Please see handout.) After discussion, both BridgerNet and 4Rivers adopted the Sharing Group Rules. Susan Gregory was assured that their homebound program lending periods remained the same.

Implementation and Deadlines: MSC staff needs to implement both groups at the same time. BridgerNet, with the assistance of MSC staff, will meet to establish written policies at first in person and then online as necessary. Mike Price will establish a listserv for BridgerNet to facilitate communication. MSC staff will unlock patron pick up locations for BridgerNet. In order to touch base with absent partner libraries Donna Worth will call Marie Habener and Holly Harper; Kari Eliason will call Bruce McPherson and Debbi Kramer; Carly Delsigne will call Kathy Knack and Bill Talbott.

The group will meet online as necessary in late February and again in late March. Amy will prepare doodle polls to select best dates. They will meet again in person at the 2014 MSC Spring Meeting in Helena. Among items for a future agenda the group would like to discuss lending limits, the future "new" item type, and fines.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

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