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Challenges and Opportunities

Greetings Friends,

As we begin this school year, I’d like you to take a moment to reflect on the possibilities we have to look forward to in the 2016-17 school year. We also need to pay tribute to one of our friends who was tragically taken away in a car accident on August 12. Christine Fogerty was the teacher-librarian at Big Sky High School in Missoula. You can read more about Christine in [this article](#) and [this article](#), but those of you who knew her can attest to what an incredible person and dedicated educator she was. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Christine’s honor to Habitat for Humanity located at 3655 Highway 200, E. Missoula, MT 59802 and Family Promise at 202 Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801.



Christine’s work and life can serve us as a great reminder of the impact every individual can have in a school and community. How will you make a difference this year? Give yourself the latitude to think about how the work you do makes an impact on individual students, staff members, parents, and your own family. We are fortunate indeed if we can see our efforts make a difference or even be acknowledged for those efforts. Often, though, that satisfaction can be delayed by years or never arrive. My challenge to you this year is to look beyond the tasks and activities that make up our day-to-day lives and account for the impact you make—the impact that changes the course of a life or just makes someone’s day. Everyone matters.

Be well,

Statewide Resources Updates

Be informed and share this information with your administrators and teachers.



Please [watch this video](#) excerpt from the Legislative Audit Committee meeting on June 17, 2016, for State Librarian Jennie Stapp's reply to a question from a state legislator about the coal severance tax funding reductions and their impact on library resources.

The *Billings Gazette* published an article on June 3 related to this issue – "[Libraries, students to lose research databases as tax revenue falls.](#)"

School Library Journal also covered this issue in a June 27 article entitled "[Montana School Librarians Fight to Keep Database Subscription.](#)"

Database Pricing and Contacts

Cara Orban, Statewide Projects Librarian, provided this information via the [Wired](#) and School Library Listservs (Contact [Colet Bartow](#) to be added to the School Library Listserv if you are not a subscriber).

Dear Teacher Librarians,

Gale has put together a proposal for bundled or a la carte access to a selection of their research databases. Please use the trial link to review their offer and pricing.

- FREE TRIAL: [Gale Resources for Montana's K12 Schools](#)
- Please contact your Gale K12 representative, Beth Chumley at <mailto:mbeth.chumley@cengage.com> or call 800-877-4253 x. 8240

I have been in contact with EBSCO over the last week regarding pricing for those of you who expressed interest in specific resources, and they have told me that their reps are getting in touch with the libraries directly at this point. Please feel free to work directly with these vendors, but do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Cara Orban | Statewide Projects | Montana State Library | corban@mt.gov | 406.444.5350

From: Hilary Fox | Director, Consortia West | GALE/Cengage

Subject: Gale's K12 Offer for Montana

Dear Cara,

Gale is pleased to offer Montana's schools a selection of core content databases at affordable pricing. This exclusive offer gives Montana students access to Gale's premier electronic resources. In an effort to give Montana libraries the best possible options, we have included primary K12 content at drastically reduced prices. Gale's award winning K12 resources are designed to provide curriculum support along with easy to use classroom integration tools making it the best choice for your students.

Please note that because content is not provided for statewide access, schools and public libraries are given the opportunity to select their own content. Each license will permit the library or school (building and district level pricing available), access to the resources of their choice.

Gale can ensure rapid and efficient implementation of databases, authentication services, customized training, and data-driven marketing services. We look forward to working with the libraries in Montana to provide quick access and we are ready to roll out training to schools and public libraries.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with Montana libraries! **Please contact your Gale K12 representative, Beth Chumley at beth.chumley@cengage.com or call 800-877-4253 x. 8240.**

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eBooks Consortium Update

From Cara Orban:

Please save the date if you are interested in learning more about OverDrive's downloadable e-book and audiobook group options for K-12 schools in Montana. Herb Miller, representative for OverDrive Education, has scheduled an online information and Q&A session in advance of the K-12 ebooks group meeting that will take place at MEA-MFT. That group intends to discuss policies and a feasible budget with the goal of seeking a contract to begin in calendar year 2017.

The online session with OverDrive is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 3:30 pm.

www.readytalk.com passcode: 5736181 AND Phone: 866-740-1260; Access Code: 5736181

More details to follow.

I would be happy to help coordinate online talks with other vendors if that would be useful to the K-12 ebooks group, as well.

FutureReady Librarians



Future Ready Librarians is an expansion of the Future Ready initiative aimed at raising awareness among district and school leaders about the valuable role librarians can play in supporting the Future Ready goals of their school and district. Two guiding questions are central to Future Ready Librarians.

- **How can librarians and libraries support Future Ready schools?**
- **How can librarians and libraries become more Future Ready?**

Future Ready Librarians will provide resources, strategies and connections for district leaders and librarians to be able to work together to promote and implement innovative learning opportunities for students.

Watch [this video](#) from Mark Ray, Chief Digital Officer, Vancouver Public Schools to learn more.

“ The 2200+ superintendents who have signed the Future Ready Pledge already think differently about what schools should be. Why not think differently about how librarians can lead, teach and support Future Ready schools? ”

Mark Ray, Chief Digital Officer
Vancouver Public Schools, Washington



Professional Learning Opportunities



As you plan your professional development for this year, consider taking online courses on the [Teacher Learning Hub](#)! We offer both self-paced and facilitated courses. The Hub has issued almost

10,000 renewal units over the past year and has tons of new courses in development. Watch for these courses to open soon:

- Introductions to the NEW Arts and Health Enhancement Content Standards
- Orientation to Special Education
- Ensuring Equity for All in Math
- “Backpack Science” K-5 Inquiry Lessons: Mapping
- Substitute Orientation
- Writing to Learn
- Teaching Montana History Online PLC
- Hashtag, What? Twitter for Professional Learning
- Montana Civic Educator Resources
- K-6 inFORMative Math Instruction: Who knows? Who Doesn't? Now What?
- Classroom Ready: NASA Toolkits
- PASS (Paraprofessional Achieving Standards Successfully)

For more information, contact [Jessica Bryant](#), 444-3557



Go to the [OPI Learning Opportunities Portal](#) for information about high quality professional learning happening all across the state. Search the calendar by date, topic, and location!

MLA News



Montana Library Association

Montana's Libraries from the Mountains to Plains

The August 5 School Library Division Retreat was a great day of learning! Lynde Roberts, SLD chair, organized a great program. More than 30 teacher-librarians were hosted by MSU-Billings Library to learn about Makerspaces, book repair, and exchange ideas with peers. Elizabeth Waddington really pulled out the stops with her Makerspace demonstration. Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, shared the wide range of services and resources that the [Montana State Library](#) makes available. Colet Bartow shared information about a new OPI resource, Montana Teach. This interactive site will provide access to free, high-quality digital resources—more to come on this after Labor Day! MSU-Billings staff shared their best tips and processes for book repair. [Ann Ewbank](#) from the MSU Bozeman Library Media Endorsement Program shared information about ESSA advocacy efforts. If you are interested in learning more about [ESSA advocacy](#), please contact Ann directly. The day finished up with

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elementary, middle, and high school group-shares. Lynde shared her [Digital Passport](#) – follow the link to this Google doc, make a copy and customize your own!

The retreat was Lynde's last activity as chair for SLD. She and her husband Brent (MSU-Billings Library Director) are moving to Virginia where Brent will serve as Library Dean at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. The Montana Library Community will miss them both! [Dianne Mattila](#), from Billings' Rose Park Elementary, will continue as the new SLD chair.

- Check the [MLA website](#) for 2017 Conference Information
- March 29-April 1, 2016
- Northern Hotel & DoubleTree by Hilton (Formerly Crown Plaza)
- Billings, MT
- [2017 Presenter Information](#)
- [2017 Program Proposal Form](#) (DUE: October 1, 2016)



Connect With Your Professional Organizations

- Montana Library Association <http://mtlib.org>
- Montana Council for Computers and Technology in Education <http://www.mcceonline.org/>

Contact Information

Colet Bartow | cbartow@mt.gov | 406-444-3583 | [Montana Teacher-Librarian Google site](#)

Social Media Tidbits

Follow the links to some great ideas!

- Blog: Rethinking the Start of a New School Year with Learners as Co-Creators goo.gl/duScsz
[#plearnchat](#) [#plrnchat](#) [#tlap](#) [#KMSDlearn](#)
- 10 [#videos](#) that will help you survive back-to-school night: edut.to/2bp2Woi. [#edchat](#)
- Coaches should move away from a teacher-centered relationship to a student-driven one, [@mssackstein](#) writes. bit.ly/2bMSWEi
- Proficiency Grading: Using a 4 Point Grade Scale in Infinite Campus
proficiencygrading.weebly.com [@mrsruizmathwars](#) [#grades](#) [#learning](#) [#TTOG](#)
- Effective collaboration can improve ideas and outcomes. More on [#ESSA](#) stakeholder engagement here: bit.ly/292r0wy [#edpolicy](#)
- Why is Deeper Learning Important? | Hewlett Foundation hewlett.org/programs/educa...
[#mtedchat](#) [#nccechat](#)