

Montana Library/Media Program (ARM 10.55.1801)

The school library media program is essential in creating independent learners who are efficient consumers and producers of information. By using a variety of information formats, focusing on the learning process and collaborating with other disciplines, school libraries provide the entire school community with opportunities to acquire the information skills they need to interact responsibly in a global society. An ongoing desire to know, a love for reading and a respect for information will transform a student into a lifelong independent learner. *The role of libraries in a democratic society is to embrace the social responsibility of learning.*

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Reflection and Challenge!

I haven't forgotten the CHALLENGE to host a "Day in the Life of Libraries" workshop in April's newsletter! I hope that some of you are considering hosting a regional event. Plans are already underway for an event in Rosebud on October 27. Stay tuned for more details.

I hope to hear from all of the corners of our vast state. If you are interested in hosting your own "Day in the Life of Libraries" please contact me (cbartow@mt.gov). I will arrange for OPI renewal units and help with planning if you are willing to host the meeting. Our profession and our school library programs are only as strong as the support and strength we can lend each other. Please consider stepping up and providing a place to connect with other teacher-librarians.

Take some time to reflect on the successes you had last year and the challenges you need to address during the 2015-16 school year. Think about who needs to know about the difference the library program has made for your school—and show them the evidence. I urge each of you to form an advisory committee to explore your school’s priorities and how the school library program can STRENGTHEN the support each student and teacher receives because of the efforts of the teacher-librarian and the resources of the school library. If your colleagues do not know what you have done and how it can help them, your efforts may not have the impact you intend. Most importantly, make a commitment to creating the best school library program possible. Our kids are counting on teacher-librarians to lead the way to meaningful and relevant school experiences.

Best,



Professional Learning Opportunities

Access Professional Learning

The [OPI Content Standards and Instruction website](#) has a new design focused on bringing you information about Montana's academic standards and professional learning. As part of that process, we have been working to bring Montana schools information about statewide professional learning in one easily accessible location. The CSI team is excited to announce that we have accomplished this goal through the development of the [OPI Professional Learning Opportunities Portal](#).

The portal is ready for you to explore at www.mtplportal.org.

Digital Media Blasts

This year’s series will begin with four weekly presentations from the Montana Historical Society. We’ll go back to a monthly format in October.

All Blasts will start at 4:30 p.m. and will be hosted on Google Hangouts on Air.

Suggest a topic and presenter (it could be you!) with this form: <http://tiny.cc/SuggestTLBlast>

| Date | Topic | Presenter/Host |
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| September 8 | Montana History Digital Blast: Footlockers https://plus.google.com/events/cbcsiv2qcvjlo7kd0efjtg4lfqk | Martha Kohl/Colet Bartow |
| September 15 | Montana History Digital Blast: Art Integration and Charlie Russell https://plus.google.com/events/c9nam8f8icrps5el9jaf9f7712o | Deb Mitchell/Colet Bartow |
| September 22 | Montana History Digital Blast: Montana Stories of the Land Textbook https://plus.google.com/events/co0jg7mcuq2tgdrcc7b1hg6okj4 | Martha Kohl/Colet Bartow |
| September 29 | Montana History Digital Blast: Women’s History https://plus.google.com/events/ccj9m6o6o0l1h4ol6csom9633is | Martha Kohl/Colet Bartow |
| October 6 | Proposed: Where We Started https://plus.google.com/events/c2gavvfijl2enhdm5nguiis5qcc | /Colet Bartow |
| November 10 | Proposed: Where We’re Going https://plus.google.com/events/ctaer3reqcs1d7p88bitmvt1v7o | /Colet Bartow |
| December 8 | Proposed: How Will We Get There? https://plus.google.com/events/co5hr7pe0k4hrpnjn0n1s5hjj04 | /Colet Bartow |

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| January 12 | Proposed: How Will We Know When We're There? https://plus.google.com/events/c8ckjg2smljicukarccom4nghps | /Colet Bartow |
| February 9 | TBD | /Colet Bartow |
| March 15 | TBD | /Colet Bartow |
| April 12 | TBD | /Colet Bartow |
| May 10 | TBD | /Colet Bartow |



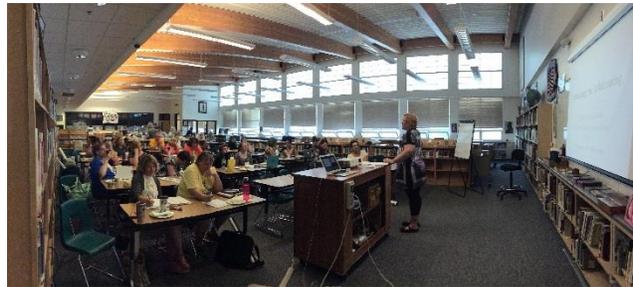
Montana Library Association

Montana's Libraries from the Mountains to Plains

Teacher Librarian Retreat – Chief Joseph Middle School, Bozeman – August 11, 2015

Thirty-six teacher-librarians from around the state gathered for a day-long workshop hosted by the School Library Division (SLM) of the Montana Library Association. Presenters included

- Sheila Bonnard, MLA Past President
- Ann Ewbank, MSU School Library Program Director
- Colet Bartow, OPI School Library Specialist
- Miriam Gilbert, Rosen Digital Director
- Nikki Keuch, SLM Co-Chair



Digital citizenship and cyberbullying prevention was the topic of Miriam Gilbert's presentation. Look for resources on this topic on the Montana Teacher-Librarian Google site at

<https://sites.google.com/site/montanateacherlibrarian/home/curriculum-guide/digital-citizenship-and-online-safety>. For more information from the retreat, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/montanateacherlibrarian/home/slm-retreat-2015>

Also, check out FREE trials of Rosen Digital resources through November 1st for:

- Interactive eBooks <http://rosenlearningcenter.com>
- Digital Citizenship and Safety <http://digitalliteracy.rosendigital.com>
- Teen Health and Wellness <http://teenhealthandwellness.com>
- Financial Literacy <http://financialliteracy.rosendigital.com>
- Power Knowledge Life Science <http://pklifescience.com>
- Power Knowledge Chemistry <http://chemistry.rosendigital.com>

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EBSCO Databases

EBSCO will replace the Kids Search, Searchasaurus, and Student Research Center interfaces currently available through our statewide contract with a



new interface, called Explora, in January 2016 (the deadline has been extended). Explora provides different search experiences for public libraries, elementary school libraries, and middle school libraries.

Key features are: *More visual, user-friendly design *Single search box to simplify the search process *Easy-to-browse categories organized by popular topics *Topic overviews that provide starting points for research *Lexile Reading Level limiters

Lisa Dennis from EBSCO led two trainings in May. Recordings of the sessions will be made available on the MSL Vimeo channel <https://vimeo.com/channels/403784>

Your library's customized links for all of the databases are now available in the [Montana Library Directory](#) under "View EBSCO Databases Access." [Promotional materials and web graphics](#) for all of the Reference Centers, including Auto Repair, Hobbies & Crafts, Home Improvement, and Small Engine Repair, are available on the EBSCO Support website. The EBSCO database suite is available at no cost to all Montana libraries, through funding from the Montana Legislature.

Please be in touch if you have questions about accessing or making use of your EBSCO databases.
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MSL Fall Workshop



Registration for Fall Workshops is now open – many sessions are filling up fast, so if you plan to attend October 2-3rd at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel, be sure to register soon – and I mean soon as in today. For more information go to http://learning.msl.mt.gov/Home/Fall_Workshops

Twitter Highlights from @cbartow

- @watsonmontana Libraries and our dedicated librarians: our secret weapon in raising student achievement for all. pic.twitter.com/Rinz9kuQBc
- @cbartow Love this! #mtlib #MTedchat pic.twitter.com/VmxchJnJMd
- @cbartow Projects vs. PBL Revisited #mtedchat #sljsummit #ncechat <http://www.newtechnetwork.org/blog/projects-vs-pbl-revisited>
- @cbartow Evolution is a good thing. How is your school and its library doing it? #mtedchat #sljsummit #ncechat <https://theconversation.com/who-says-libraries-are-dying-they-are-evolving-into-spaces-for-innovation-44820>
- @cbartow #deeperlearning and real teaching require commitment to foster a love for reading <http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/blue-skunk-blog/2015/8/18/make-love-of-reading-the-first-objective.html> #sljsummit #MTedchat

#MTedchat: 8:00 p.m., every Tuesday. Live Twitter chat for, with, and moderated by Montana educators. Colleagues from across the nation join in, with connections to Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, and other neighboring states. Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mtedchat/> to view the archives, suggest new topics and watch the Tweets roll by.



Grant Opportunities

Libraries looking to launch a new or expanding an existing successful program to help teens master text-based literacies can apply for the **Margaret Edwards Trust Literacies Programming Grant**, which is funded by the [Margaret A. Edwards Trust](#). Up to five grants worth \$5,000 each will be presented. Potential applicants can visit YALSA's [wiki](#) to learn more about multiple literacies. Apply via this [online form](#) by November 1, 2015.

Win \$10,000 for your Literacy Program!

Libraries and other organizations that provide literacy after-school activities for youth can apply now through August 27th for the Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award, administered by the Afterschool Alliance. Learn more or access the application [here](#).

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) announced the availability of a new grant to help fund creativity programming in public libraries. The [Curiosity Creates Grant](#) will be given to 77 recipients to encourage creativity for children ages 6 to 14. Each \$7,500 award may be used to expand existing programming and/or create new opportunities for children to explore their creativity.

Selection Criteria Includes:

- Creativity components
- Program reach (including diversity, inclusion and community partnerships)
- Project design and replicability

For more details, see [ALSC's Curiosity Creates page](#).

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

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OPI Library Media Web page: <http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/LibMedia/index.html>

Montana Teacher-Librarian Google site: <https://sites.google.com/site/montanateacherlibrarian/home>

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