

Mission: To ensure that students are effective users and producers of information and ideas

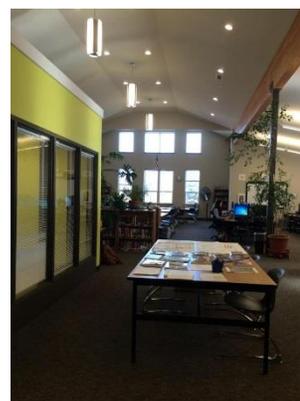
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Reflection and Challenge!

On April 24th, twenty-four teacher-librarians (TLs) from western and northwestern Montana gathered in the new Whitefish High School Library for a “Day in the Life of Libraries.” Dan Kohnstamm (HS) and Dana Carmichael (MS) TLs were great hosts for this event. The agenda for the workshop was organized around the bell schedule with a variety of topics presented or discussed in small groups. The day included me (Colet Bartow of OPI), Dana Carmichael of Whitefish Middle School and MLA SLMD co-chair, Martha Furman of ImageIF! Youth Services, lunch with the Whitefish HS anime/gamers’ and readers’ clubs, Mr. Kohnstamm’s faculty collaboration group, and a Digital Learning class (see schedule below).



Now for the CHALLENGE! I am including the schedule below as a way to invite other districts and teacher-librarians to think about hosting a regional event. The best parts of the workshop, for me, were the opportunities to see how another library operates and share ideas with colleagues that I would not otherwise have a chance to meet. 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.

- Period 1. We will discuss the **Whitefish High School Library design and move**; we will **tour the building**. (9:00 to 9:26)
- Period 2. **Colet Bartow** will update us on OPI developments; **Dana Carmichael** will update us on Montana Library Association School Library Media Division news and of her author visit last fall by Jay Asher (*Thirteen Reasons Why*); discussion of school library survey and budgets; discussion of State Library's ELSA program and ways to become recognized as an "exemplary library." Introduction of **Xander Joplin**, aide. (9:31 to 10:20)
- Period 3. Introduction of library student aide, **Isabeau Newbury**, and her role on the Library Advisory Committee; working with volunteers and aides. **Martha Furman** will present youth services program at ImageIt! Discussion on how public and school libraries can better work together (in small groups). (10:25 to 11:14)
- Period 4: Article: "When in Doubt Go to the Library: The Changing Physical Aspects of the Library," (Baule, [Library Media Connection](#), March/April 2015). Discussion of "You Can Do It: Moving into the Future with Teen Library Services," (Hartman and Braun, VOYA, October, 2014) which examines the changing role of libraries and article: "No more 'shushing' in these school libraries": *Kentucky Teacher*, January 6, 2015. (11:19 to 12:08)
- Lunch : **Anime/Gamers' Club members and Readers' Club** members will be on hand to discuss our activities this year (12:08 to 12: 48)
- Period 5: Visit with Mr. Kohnstamm's **Collaboration group** in the library. We will discuss/share observations and ramifications for teacher-librarians after visit. (12:53-1:42)
- Period 6: **Digital Learning** and impact on Whitefish High School Library; management issues. Participants will pair up with students and check-in with them on their digital learning experience. Dan Kohnstamm is a facilitator for students taking Virtual High School, Montana Digital Academy, Compass, Brigham Young University Online and American School. (1:47 to 2:36)
- Period. 7: Introduction of **Laurel Davidson**, aide; EasyBib and Overdrive discussion and share. (Whitefish Middle School and High School share EasyBib and Overdrive platforms, grades 5-12 with Dana Carmichael and Dan Kohnstamm) "**Burning Question**" **share/discussion** on topics of groups' choice. Door prizes, trash and treasure and wrap up. (2:41 to 3:30)

Deadlines and Dates

MEA-MFT Educators' Conference Presentation Applications DUE Thursday
APRIL 30th

Please consider submitting an application to present to your colleagues. The MEA-MFT Conference will be held in Billings, October 15-16. Please go to http://mea-mft.org/educators_conference.aspx for the online application form.

Professional Learning Opportunities

School Library Advocacy-Montana (SLAM) Workshop

The 2015 School Library Advocacy-Montana (SLAM) Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 16 at MSU-Bozeman. All school librarians are invited to participate in this engaging FREE workshop! 6 OPI Recertification Credits will be provided.

Featuring Dr. Elizabeth Burns, Lecturer, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

The workshop will cover: Building Stakeholder Relationships, Using Data to Communicate Impact, Creating an Advocacy Action Plan, and more.

Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/schoollibadvmt2015/> for more information and to register.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Ewbank (ann.ewbank@montana.edu)

MRESA3 – Indian Boarding Schools: The Legacy

Participants in this two-day workshop will look at Indian Boarding Schools and the role sports played in the history and lives of Native Americans with its continuing impact in today's life. Participants will use primary sources and explore the rich collection of resources found in the Library of Congress and through the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program. Ruth Ferris and Kathi Hoyt, TPS trainers and Billings Public School librarians, are the presenters for this workshop. Both are exceptional in using primary sources in creating curriculum and lessons for the classroom at all grade level. Come and tap into this wonderful opportunity.

Dates: June 10-11, 2015

Time: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location: MSUB College of Ed, Room 122

12 OPI Renewal Units/Credit Pending

Cost: FREE

To Register: <http://tinyurl.com/pupod5q>

For more information contact: John Keener, MRESA3 Project Coordinator, john.keener@msubillings.edu, 406-657-1743

NCCE – Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Workshops

Register at <http://ncce.org>

Introduction to Teaching with Primary Sources

These 2-day workshops, designed for K-12 Educators and Teacher Librarians, will introduce you to the vast collections of the Library of Congress's rich reservoir of over 19 million digital resources and explore how you can use them to engage students in the classroom. Two-day workshops will include information on:

- Navigating the Library of Congress website
- Searching digitized materials and lessons
- Analyzing primary sources and discussing lesson implementation strategies
- Exploring copyright information

- Designing lessons utilizing Library of Congress materials and meeting Common Core standards
- Engaging and challenging students using primary sources
- Addressing Common Core standards

A Certificate of Attendance is awarded at conclusion of workshop. While the workshop is free, meals, lodging, and travel are at the attendee's expense.

- Missoula: June 22-23
- Billings: June 25-26

Contact Becky Firth, bfirth@ncece.org

MIET Tech Days

June 23-24 Registration is available online now. Check out the courses and full descriptions. Only \$100 for 16 hours of renewal units (lunch included both days), plus the opportunity to earn two master's level college credits for an additional \$200.

Registration goes up to \$125 after the May 22 early bird deadline. Microsoft Innovator Educator Becky Keene is coming with classes about Microsoft tools for educators, Office Mix and Office 365.

Questions? Contact Katie Kotynski, katiekotynski@gmail.com

Schedule: <http://mietetechdays.weebly.com/schedule.html>

Full course descriptions: <http://mietetechdays.weebly.com/institute-program.html>

Main page: <http://mietetechdays.weebly.com/>

MLA School Library Division Retreat – SAVE THE DATE! - August 11, 2015 - Bozeman

More details will be available soon. Look for a message on the SLM and Wired Listservs with registration and additional location details. I will also send a "special" newsletter as soon as I have information to share.



Montana Library Association

Montana's Libraries from the Mountains to Plains



#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.

Montana TL Digital Blast Archive and Resources Course: Sign up for a FREE course for teacher-librarians with the Montana Digital Professional Learning Network. Earn 5 OPI renewal units with the Montana TL Digital Media Blast Archive and Resources online course. Go to <http://www.mdpln.org> to sign up.

FROM MSL

APPLY FOR NAC SEATS

MSL is looking for small and large school representatives to serve on the Network Advisory Council. Apply here

http://about.msl.mt.gov/Home/commission_councils/network_advisory_council/member_application

And learn more about what the NAC does here

http://about.msl.mt.gov/Home/commission_councils/operating_guidelines



New and Improved EBSCO Databases

As part of this year's contract renewal for statewide databases, EBSCO has included access to two new reference centers at no additional cost:

- Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center
- Home Improvement Reference Center

Additionally, your database suite now includes upgrades to Literary Reference Center Plus, MAS Complete, and MasterFILE Complete. Your library's customized links for all of these 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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Twitter Highlights from @cbartow

- @sljournal ALA's Most Frequently Challenged Books; Teen Read Week Grants; Springtime Giveaways | SLJTeen News ow.ly/LBxAF
- @sljournal Those Tired #SummerReading Lists. Here's What to Do. ow.ly/LDNLc ow.ly/LDOIP #srp
- @ccassinelli Reimagining the #Library - a video playlist via @edutopia edut.to/1McLxLM #tlchat @sljournal #cpchat
- @cbartow 1-to-1: Let's Have 1 Librarian for Every 1:1 School | Pivot Points @_TeacherX @sljournal slj.com/2015/03/opinio... #tlchat #MTedchat #NCCEchat
- CHS Freshman Orientation Final buff.ly/1KoM9cu Cool idea with @PowToon #mtedchat pic.twitter.com/5NB21pbJw5

Connect With Your Professional Organizations

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

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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>

Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down: let me know what you think with this quick feedback form – <http://goo.gl/forms/zUS06UTJoM>

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.