

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

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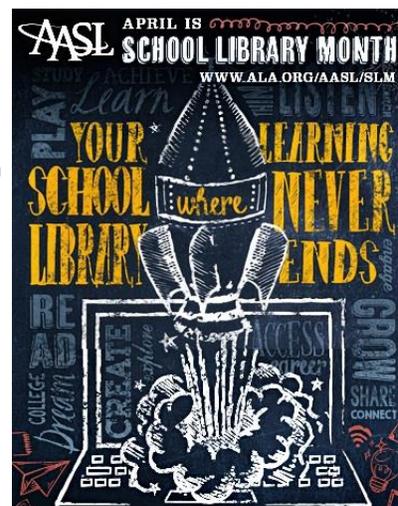
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### Upcoming Events and Celebrations

#### APRIL is School Library Month in Montana!

The next [Montana Teacher-Librarian Digital Media Blast](#) is scheduled for April 14. The topic is "Celebrating Success!" I would love to feature your successes during this session. Please consider sending your brief written summary, short video (MP4 or YouTube), photo, or other evidence of the great things that you would like to share with your colleagues. Our stories speak volumes about the professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment that distinguish Montana's Teacher-Librarians. Send me an e-mail or give me a call if you would like to contribute something ([cbartow@mt.gov](mailto:cbartow@mt.gov) or 406-444-3583). I will compile all of your stories into one video! Deadline to submit is Friday, April 10.

School Library Month (SLM) is the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning.



The 2015 celebration marks the 30th anniversary of School Library Month! The first national observance kicked off with a ceremony on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol on April 1, 1985, and its theme was *Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center*. Honoring the anniversary, the 2015 theme is **Your School Library Where Learning Never Ends**. [More about the history of School Library Month](#).

For history, printables, proclamations, etc. visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

## Professional Learning Opportunities

*Montana Library Association Annual Conference*: April 8-11, 2015 in Bozeman. Go to <http://mtlib.org/2015Conference/default.asp> to register and view the conference schedule. Travel grants may be available. See [http://mtlib.org/Handbook/grant\\_guidelines.asp](http://mtlib.org/Handbook/grant_guidelines.asp) for grant guidelines or download an application at [http://mtlib.org/Handbook/2014\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Travel.pdf](http://mtlib.org/Handbook/2014_Grant_Application_Travel.pdf).

*“A Day in the Life of Libraries”* Friday, April 17th, 9-3:30 p.m. - Here’s your chance to visit Montana’s newest school library. Workshop will feature **Colet Bartow**, OPI Curriculum Specialist and **Dana Carmichael**, co-chair of Montana Library Association’s School Library Division. The workshop will address issues of design/moving a library, collaboration, library media software tools EasyBib and Overdrive, management, budgeting, reading and anime clubs, and Digital Learning. Theme will be “A Day in the Life of Libraries.” Participants will be encouraged to bring in their own ideas to share with the group. OPI Renewal Units will be available. Please contact Dan Kohnstamm for more information. (406) 862-8600, ext. 480, [kohnstammd@wfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:kohnstammd@wfps.k12.mt.us)



**#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.

## Treasure State Award

This award was established in 1990 by Carole Monlux, Missoula County Schools Librarian (ret.) and Bette Ammon, Missoula Public Library (now Director of the Coeur D’Alene Public Library). The award is given to a picture book that was published within the last five years. Montana students in grades K-3 vote for one of the five nominated titles. The award is announced in April of each year.

Votes for the 2015 award are due April 1, 2015 to Carole Monlux, Treasure State Award Chair, [carolemonlux@gmail.com](mailto:carolemonlux@gmail.com).

For more information: [Montana State Reading Council](#) or [Junior Library Guild](#).

## 2016 Nominees

- Base, Graeme. [THE LAST KING OF ANGKOR WAT.](#)
- Becker, Bonny. [A LIBRARY BOOK FOR BEAR.](#)
- Lefebvre, Jason. [TOO MUCH GLUE.](#)
- Van Allsburg, Chris. [THE MISADVENTURES OF SWEETIE PIE.](#)
- Wade, Mary Dodson. [NO YEAR OF THE CAT.](#)

## Apply for a Grant

James Patterson asks: What would your school library do with \$1,000–\$10,000? Well-known, well-loved author and literacy activist, James Patterson is donating \$1.25 million to school libraries because [he believes that](#): *fewer children are growing up in a household full of books – and that the effects of this absence could have a profound impact on a child’s future, and on the future of our country. Every child in America should have access to books and a functioning school library. Improvements in school libraries will foster children’s love of reading and boost their academic achievement overall.*

<http://blogs.slj.com/neverendingsearch/2015/03/09/james-pattersons-asks-what-would-your-school-library-do-with-1000-10000/>

## 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



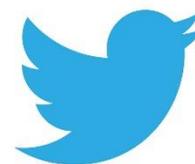
Additionally, your database suite now includes upgrades to Literary Reference Center Plus, MAS Complete, and MasterFILE Complete. Your library’s customized links for all of these databases are now available in the [Montana Library Directory](#) under “View EBSCO Databases Access.” [Promotional materials 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

- RT [@grantwiggins](#): New blog post, on Bloom’s Taxonomy and how many of us misunderstand it: <https://t.co/Q3WIWObOza> #MTedchat #tlchat
- RT [@sljournal](#): How to Build a School Library from Scratch <http://ow.ly/K7ivt> #MTedchat
- RT [@OfficialDLDay](#): “Digital Learning Day: Resource Roundup” from the folks at [@edutopia](#). [bit.ly/1Bop4En](http://bit.ly/1Bop4En). #DLDay #MTedchat
- Primary Source Nexus @PSNTPS Today in History: Rare Children’s Books - digital versions from Library of Congress <http://t.co/7aH0nVvGZm> #tlchat #litchat #edchat
- RT [@AuntyTech](#) 40 Uses For Smartphones in School [#tlchat #edtech bit.ly/1MFENkw](#)



## It Isn’t Too Late - Your Thoughts, Please



The School Library Division of the Montana Library Association would like to ask you some questions to help determine priorities and needs for communication and professional development. Please complete this brief survey to lend your voice to a discussion of how MLA and the division can better serve your professional needs. Share the link with colleagues, please. (<http://goo.gl/forms/w7UE9qfazf>) Contact Niki Keuch and Dana Carmichael, MLA School Library Division Co-chairs ([niki.keuch@bsd7.org](mailto:niki.keuch@bsd7.org), [wflibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:wflibrarian@gmail.com)) with any questions you may have about the survey.

## Spotlight on Professional Reading

Abilock, Debbie, Kristin Fontichiaro, and Violet H. Harada, eds. (2012) *Growing Schools: Librarians as Professional Developers*. Libraries Unlimited: Santa Barbara, CA.

Harland, Pamela Colborn. (2011) *The Learning Commons: Seven Simple Steps to Transform Your Library*. Libraries Unlimited: Santa Barbara, CA.

Repman, Judi and Gail Dickinson, eds. (2015) *School Library Management*, Seventh Edition. Libraries Unlimited: Santa Barbara, CA.

School Library Research Journal <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr>

## Collaborative Summer Library Program

An update with Cindy Christin; Monday, April 27th at Noon; get inspired and ready for a great summer. To register: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5930394450096091905> All sessions will be recorded and archived on the MSL Vimeo Channel: <https://vimeo.com/channels/403784>

## 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>

**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.