

BEFORE THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
ARM 10.102.4001, 10.102.5102,)
10.102.5105, and 10.102.5106)
pertaining to resource sharing and)
allocation of federation funding)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On January 14, 2010 the Montana State Library published MAR Notice No. 10-10-100 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 6 of the 2010 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 1.

2. The department has amended the above-stated rules as proposed.

3. The department has thoroughly considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

COMMENT #1: The Clancy branch of the Jefferson County Library System benefits a large variety of people and those benefits are made possible by their membership in the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC). Resource sharing is very important and they support money being directed to MSC to further the impact.

RESPONSE #1: Thank you for your support of the MSC in the recommended changes. This comment and the following ones are reflective of the comments and suggestions received throughout the repurposing of Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Program monies discussion. The Fulfillment Task Force offered the compromise solution that 50 percent of the monies be repurposed for the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) and 50 percent be repurposed for the statewide OCLC Group Services contract and payment. Both the MSC and OCLC are recognized as strong interlibrary resource sharing tools benefitting Montana libraries, and more importantly, library users. Neither the MSC nor the OCLC Group Services contract currently directly benefits all Montana libraries. MSC represents over 100 Montana libraries and the OCLC contract currently involves approximately 250 Montana libraries. The MSC is a Montana-grown cooperative while OCLC is a national bibliographic cooperative. Both the MSC and OCLC are available for other Montana libraries to join if they so desire and have the funds to do so. The 50/50 compromise was made so both of these important statewide resource sharing tools could continue to move forward to help as many Montana libraries as possible.

COMMENT #2: The MSC Executive Committee representative spoke for all shared catalog libraries in support of the changes.

RESPONSE #2: Thank you for your support of the 50/50 distribution for the MSC and the OCLC contract.

COMMENT #3: MSC is irreplaceable but with these proposed amendments money that is planned to be given to all libraries would go directly to benefit just some. Encouraging membership is not a good reason to redirect the money. All libraries will be impacted by OCLC and so all money should go there.

RESPONSE #3: Thank you for your support of the OCLC contract in these recommended changes.

/s/ Darlene Staffeldt _____
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Rule Reviewer

/s/ Donald Allen _____
Donald Allen
Chairman
Montana State Library

Certified to the Secretary of State April 19, 2010.