

# Memo

**To:** Montana Library Community

**From:** Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

**Date:** January 15, 2010

**Re:** **Administrative Rule Amendments**

Dear Montana Library Community

Please know that the State Library Commission has requested administrative rules changes for the resource sharing program and some federation related issues. The official rule notice is attached and is also located on the State Library website at: <http://msl.mt.gov>.

In summary the rule for the resource sharing program is:

The Commission has established a statewide interlibrary resource-sharing program (hereinafter resource-sharing program) to support and facilitate resource-sharing among libraries in Montana. 50% of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the resource-sharing program shall be allocated to pay a portion of the cost of the Group Services Contract between the Montana State Library and OCLC Online Computer Library Center Inc. The remaining 50% of the funds appropriated by the legislature for the resource-sharing program shall be allocated to pay a portion of the ongoing cost of licensing and maintaining the Montana Shared Catalog for participating libraries. The latter funds shall not be used for the purpose of offsetting the cost of adding new member libraries to the Montana Shared Catalog.

The rule changes for the federations include:

1. Changing the money distribution formula so that Federation Coordinators' travel costs to the Coordinators/Commission meetings are taken off the top before monies are distributed among the federations.
2. Changing wording regarding the timeline for the creation of the federation plans of service, and lastly,

3. Listing tribal libraries as libraries eligible to join federations.

Important dates to remember:

On **February 16, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m., the Montana State Library will hold a public hearing in the Grizzly Conference room of the State Library, 1515 E 6th Ave, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules. Interested persons may submit their data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing.

Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Marlys Stark, Montana State Library, PO Box 201800, Helena, Montana, 59620-1800; telephone (406) 444-3384; fax (406) 444-0266; or e-mail [mstark2@mt.gov](mailto:mstark2@mt.gov), and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., February 24, 2010**.

February 25 to April 9 – Staff will prepare the amendment notice including all summarized comments and responses which will be presented to the Commission.

The Commission at their meeting in Bozeman on **April 10, 2010** will vote to amend as proposed or with the changes identified.

The Amendment notice must be submitted to ARM Bureau by noon on April 19, 2010.

Amended rules are effective on **April 30, 2010**.