**Island of Misfit Items**  
Wednesday, April 11th  9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Presenters: Beth Boyson, Abbi Dooley, Stephan Licitra, Paulette Parpart; Dave Shearer  
Aspen Room  
CE: Collection Management Technical Services  
Work with expert catalogers and peers to catalog your items in need of care and attention. Bring any resource that needs an original record along with a photocopy of the title page, and be ready to do some hands on work to create a MARC record in OCLC Connexion.

**Owing Your Own Mission: How not to lose your cool while saving the world**  
Wednesday, April 11th  9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Presenter: Sara Close  
Tamarack Room  
CE: Library Administration  
As leaders, we are inundated with the importance of staying true to our mission. But with outside stressors, demands and changing circumstances constantly coming into play, how do you act on your mission without hitting the proverbial wall? The world needs us as our best selves, our best leaders; and as such, we need to learn how to be resilient on our path. This talk and interactive workshop will help you explore and deep dive into three simple shifts that you can make - so that the next time you think “What am I doing with my job / life / organization?!” you can gracefully trust in the process.

**Montana Intellectual Freedom Boot Camp**  
Wednesday, April 11th  9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Presenters: James LaRue, Marci Merola  
Hyalite Room  
CE: Library Administration  
This workshop prepares communities to advocate for libraries as fundamental building blocks to democracy. In this joint effort of ALA's Office for Library Advocacy and OIF, the workshop covers advocacy basics such as messaging, networking, and community engagement, and intellectual freedom basics such as equal access, community support during book challenges, and user privacy in the digital age.

**LUNCH**  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Essential Services of the Montana State Library**  
Wednesday, April 11th  1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Presenters: Jessica Edwards, Erin Fashoway  
Aspen Room  
CE: Technology  
Discover MSL’s services available to your patrons. First, we will research land records and examine Montana’s landscape with the Cadastral and Digital Atlas applications. Then we’ll explore the Talking Book Library and demonstrate available listening devices. Finally, we’ll discuss how you can incorporate these services in to your library’s programming.
**TeamWORK: Turning Dysfunction into Cohesion**
Wednesday, April 11th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Presenter: Dave Meldahl
Tamarack Room
CE: Library Administration
Presenter will share core elements of an effective team, tools for assessing a team, dysfunctions of a team, and provide examples of promises a team can make to be more effective.

**Montana State Library Commission Meeting**
Wednesday, April 11th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Madison Room

**MLA Board of Director’s Meeting**
Wednesday, April 11th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Lewis & Clark Room

**Welcome Reception & Montana Book Awards**
Wednesday, April 11th 6:00 pm -7:30 pm Welcome Reception
Wednesday, April 11th 7:30 pm -9:00 pm Awards Reception
Bozeman Public Library, 626 East Main

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**Thursday, April 12th**

**New Member/Past Presidents Breakfast**
Thursday, April 12th 8:00 am – 9:15 am
Hyalite Room

**Building a House of Sky Together: The Ivan Doig Exhibit as Community Project**
Thursday, April 12th 9:30 am – 10:30 pm
Presenters: Jan Zauha, Hannah McKelvey, Mike Everts
Aspen Room
CE: Library Services to the Public
What do you get when you take a digital archive out to the fair? Join us to learn about tin dogs, sheep wagons, manuscripts, partnerships, and programming as we assess the outcomes and prospects of the Ivan Doig exhibit. Where in the world will this Montana writer go next?

**Conversations with the MSL Commissioners**
Thursday, April 12th 9:30 am – 10:30 pm
Presenters: Jennie Stapp, Kenning Arlitsch, Elsie Artzen, Connie Eissenger, Anne Kish, Aaron LaFromboise, Bruce Newell, Ken Wall
Tamarack Room
CE: Library Administration
Conversations with the Commission is an important annual event in the work of the Montana State Library Commission. The session gives the Commission a chance to share information about the priorities of the Commission and provides an open forum to discuss the trends and issues impacting the Montana library community.
ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers
Thursday, April 12th  9:30 am – 10:30 pm
Presenter: Carolyn Martin
Madison Room
CE: Technology
Genetics is increasingly becoming a factor in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases as well as frequently seen in headline news. Librarians working with the public need to be aware of issues surrounding genetics and resources to assist patrons in locating and evaluating sometimes complex and confusing information associated with their health. The session will cover genomic health literacy, provide reliable resources regarding health conditions with a genetic component, privacy, genetic testing, and precision medicine.

From Futuring to Innovation
Thursday, April 12th  9:30 am – 10:30 pm
Presenters: Kit Stephenson, Corey Fifles
Lewis & Clark Room
CE: Library Administration
Based on the work of Miguel A. Figueroa from the Center for the Future of Libraries at ALA, “From Futuring to Innovation” is a group exercise to help library professionals and advocates connect trends to new innovations for the future of libraries. Using trend cards from ALA, groups select 1 or 2 trends and then consider how those trends affect their community and how they align with library values. Groups then imagine a creative solution that brings together the selected trends and library values in the form of a new service, space, partnership, or program.

MT2Go Selection Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 12th  10:45 am – 11:45 am
Hyalite Room

Libraries and the Access to Justice Movement
Thursday, April 12th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenters: Sarah McClain, Alex Clark, Nolan Harris
Aspen Room
CE: Library Services to the Public
Each year, about 96,000 Montanans have a civil legal problem that they struggle to address. Tour online civil legal resources available to help Montanans navigate the justice system and learn how to spot legal problems and then guide patrons to appropriate civil legal information and resources without giving legal advice.

Take Your Foundation Higher
Thursday, April 12th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenters: Gale Bacon, Janay Johnson, Leslie Modrow, Karl Olson
Tamarack Room
CE: Library Administration
Many libraries struggle to find skilled, enthused Foundation members who can be effective in generating community support. Hear a panel of Foundation directors discuss how to recruit and interview well-qualified foundation members to lead and support their library.

School Librarian 101
Thursday, April 12th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenters: Rachel Schillreff, Erin Regele
Madison Room
CE: Library Services to the Public
Are you interested in getting some new ideas to implement in your school library? Are you a public or academic librarian interested in networking with your school librarians? Come learn and discuss relevant topics like advocacy and programming. We will let you know what we do and you can share what you do in your library.

**Local Voices: Capturing Community Oral Histories**  
Thursday, April 12th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Presenter: Jennifer Birnel  
Lewis & Clark Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
This program will introduce how to start an oral history project in your community. Oral histories are an excellent way to capture the stories of community members to share with future generations. Learn how to use some tried and true methods for creating your own local project.

**Keynote Speaker Luncheon:**  
Thursday, April 12th  12:10 pm – 1:30 pm  
Presenter: Montana Supreme Court Justice Beth Baker  
Hyalite Room  
CE: Library Administration

**Geek Out in the Library**  
Thursday, April 12th  1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  
Presenters: Barbara Riebe, Tammie Peterson, Jennifer Wilke  
Aspen Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
While teen pop culture programming has become more popular recently, fandom events do not have to be just for teenagers! Libraries can create fun events that bring in families, teens, and even the elusive twenty-somethings. Our discussion will include program ideas, community cooperation, and engaging patron participation through social media.

**Playwork in the Library**  
Thursday, April 12th  1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  
Presenter: Martha Furman  
Tamarack Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
ImagineIf is all about the wonder, adventure and exploration that naturally happens during play. In playwork a movement that began in postwar Europe, children’s play is self-directed, intrinsically motivated and freely chosen. It is also largely unsupervised. This type of play will look different from other types of play that we offer in our libraries, but offers many critical benefits to children. We will discuss how libraries can include elements of playwork and ensure that the children we serve have opportunities to play freely and build skills by taking risks. Participants will find out how libraries can incorporate elements of playwork in their offerings for children in order to build more capable, competent and connected communities.

**Democracy In Action at Your Library!**  
Thursday, April 12th  1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  
Presenters: Lauren McMullen, Sonia Gavin  
Madison Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
As connected community conveners, libraries are perfectly positioned to bring legislators together with citizens to listen and learn. What better way to empower citizen voice and participation than through face-to-face
conversation and relationships? Please join us to learn how your library can host civic events with state representatives during the interim session, including educational programs, town halls, and more.

**Providing Unique Collections**  
**Thursday, April 12th  1:45 pm – 2:45 pm**  
**Presenter: Matt Beckstrom**  
**Lewis & Clark Room**  
**CE: Collection Management Technical Services**  
Libraries are expanding their collections to include more unique items. These unique collections can cause problems and issues for libraries. This panel discussion will feature librarians who have solved some of these issues. They will discuss their collections, their issues, and lessons they learned. The panel will include librarians from the Lewis & Clark Library, The Missoula Public Library, and ImagineIF Libraries.

**Intellectual Freedom Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 12th  2:45 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**Hyalite Room**

**MT2Go Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 12th  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Hyalite Room**

**Genealogy Research**  
**Thursday, April 12th  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Presenters: Lynne Puckett, Kathy Robins**  
**Aspen Room**  
**CE: Technology**  
Explore the transition of genealogical research from writing letters to strangers to microfilm to digitization and online databases, both free and pay, and how libraries can set up genealogy programs to help patrons do their own online genealogy research.

**From Making to Manufacturing – Next Level Community Engagement**  
**Thursday, April 12th  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Presenters: Connie Behe, Megan Glidden**  
**Tamarack Room**  
**CE: Library Services to the Public**  
How can libraries take the Maker Movement to the next level? By connecting Makers and Manufacturers! We brought together manufacturers, makers, schools, and economic development groups to launch the first Manufacturing Technology Expo / Maker Faire, attracting the attention of Make Magazine. We convinced our partners to see workforce development through the lens of 21st century skills, solidifying our spot at the table for future economic development conversations. Join us to imagine the possibilities for creative community partnerships.

**Open Meetings & Request for Records**  
**Thursday, April 12th  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Presenter: Mike Meloy**  
**Madison Room**  
**CE: Library Administration**  
Listen to a recognized expert in open meetings laws. He will talk about when public notice is necessary and when it isn’t. Learn your rights if you should receive a records request. The First Amendment is alive and well in Mike Meloy’s world. Come here about this in the context of newspaper and school cases. Meloy might well have been a librarian in a previous life!
**SOS: Summer of Scholarships at Your Library**  
Thursday, April 12th  
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  
**Presenters:** Heather Dickerson, Marti Johnson  
**Lewis & Clark Room**  
**CE:** Library Services to the Public  
SOS has a new meaning: SUMMER OF SCHOLARSHIPS! Listen in as Marti and Heather talk about an impactful library partnership that earned high school students thousands of dollars. You’ll walk away with practical ideas and connections for how YOU can host a Summer of Scholarships program at your library.

**Interest Group Meetings**  
Thursday, April 12th  
4:20 pm – 4:15 pm  
**Aspen Room:** MILA  
**Tamarack Room:** Technical Services  
**Madison Room:** Services for Children & Young Adults  
**Lewis Room:** Trustees  
**Clark Room:** Local History & Genealogy  
**Hyalite Room:** Public Library Directors  
**Foyer Area:** Friends & Foundation

**Tours**  
Thursday, April 12th  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Cates Event**  
Thursday, April 12th  
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
**Hyalite Room**

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**Friday, April 13th**

**MT2Go Membership Meeting**  
Friday, April 13th  
8:00 am – 9:15 am  
**Hyalite Room**

**Roles Tribal College Libraries Play**  
Friday, April 13th  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
**Presenters:** Aaron LaFromboise, Joy Bridwell, Eva English, Fred Noel, Anita Scheetz, Jerusha Shipstead  
**Aspen Room**  
**CE:** Library Administration  
Tribal college librarians talk about the unique roles they have in their communities. Tribal college libraries are academic libraries but often function as the tribal library, community/public library, and tribal archives. There are many challenges, good and bad, that tribal college libraries face.

**Brief Introduction to Picture Books**  
Friday, April 13th  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
**Presenter:** Hayley Botnen  
**Tamarack Room**  
**CE:** Collection Management Technical Services  
Using Megan Dowd Lambert’s Reading Picture Books with Children as a guide, we will explore the vast world of picture books. Think picture books are just an illustrated story? This program will help you think twice about the magnificent ways picture books encourage deep thinking.
Parental Controls—A Technology Class for Parents
Friday, April 13th  9:30 am – 10:30 am
Presenter: Shari Curtis
Madison Room
CE: Technology
Computers and the internet offer kids’ education, entertainment, and creativity. However, parents are often confused by how to keep their kids safe online. Computer makers’ offer built in software to limit computer use, age appropriate content, and contact with other users.

Montana Center for the Book & Your Library
Friday, April 13th  9:30 am – 10:30 am
Presenter: Kim Anderson
Lewis & Clark Room
CE: Library Services to the Public
In 2017 the Montana Center for the Book (a program of Humanities Montana) announced new programming and introduced an annual $1,000 Montana Center for the Book prize that will be awarded to up to five organizations each year that promote literature and literacy in their communities. Libraries are encouraged to apply and also take advantage of our new statewide calendar of events.

Your Library within Your Community: Creating an Identity
Friday, April 13th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenter: Gavin Woltjer
Aspen Room
CE: Library Administration
Participants will explore how libraries have the ability to transform a community, will gain insights in how to create partnerships within their community to foster more outreach, inclusion and community development and will leave with a basic framework of how to express their library within their community’s narrative.

Deconstructing Power and Expectations
Friday, April 13th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenters: Ben Chiewphasa, Natalie Bond, Samantha Buechler, Jaci Wilkinson
Tamarack Room
CE: Library Administration
With libraries changing rapidly, are we truly attuned to our patrons’ needs? The University of Montana recently led Missoula community members through a workshop that explores power and expectations in libraries. Come join us in continuing this important dialogue as we investigate the differences of perception between users and service providers.

MontanaLibrary2Go: Apps & Apps & Marketplace
Friday, April 13th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenter: Susie McIntyre
Madison Room
CE: Technology
This workshop will provide hands-on practice using the NEW Libby App, the standard Overdrive App and the Overdrive Marketplace.

Trans Info: A Basic Primer on Transgender Issues
Friday, April 13th  11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Presenter: James Parrott
Lewis & Clark Room
CE: Library Services to the Public
This session will educate library staff about what it means to be transgender, the issues and challenges faced by that community, and how libraries can better serve these library users as individuals. It also attempts to dispel misconceptions about this group and provide additional resources.

**Division Luncheons**
Friday, April 13th  12:10 pm – 1:00 pm  
ASLD -- Lewis Room  
SLD -- Clark Room  
PLD--Hyalite Room

**Annual Membership Meeting**
Friday, April 13th  1:05 pm – 2:30 pm  
Hyalite Room

**Just Mercy: Defending an Innocent Man**
Friday, April 13th  2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
Presenter: Ron Waterman  
Aspen Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
Access to justice is important to all Montanans but probably not more important to anyone than the wrongfully convicted. Attorney Ron Waterman defended an innocent man which resulted in Montana’s first exoneration. He now serves on the board of the Montana Innocence Project where he continues to advocate for the little guy.

**Weeding 101: Print Nonfiction & Reference**
Friday, April 13th  2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
Presenters: Lauren McMullen, Sean Anderson  
Tamarack Room  
CE: Collection Management Technical Services  
In this automated and fast-changing world, what print nonfiction/reference should a library keep/get? How does one weed their nonfiction/reference areas? What should a librarian keep in mind when working on this important area of the library? What, if anything, should be left for on-line use?

**PNLA Presidents Session: Pathways to Leadership**
Friday, April 13th  2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
Presenter: Rick Stoddard  
Madison Room  
CE: Library Administration  
Join the Pacific Northwest Library Association’s President and invited guests who will share their leadership stories using visual storyboarding. The presenters will share the challenges, successes, and critical incidents that have shaped their view of library leadership. Participants will have the opportunity to develop and storyboard their own leadership stories. Sharing our leadership journeys with others creates opportunities to better understand the skills and experiences necessary to be a strong library leader.

**Calling B*!!$#@t: Media Literacy in the Post-Truth Age**
Friday, April 13th  2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
Presenters: Adrienne Alger, Shari Curtis, Jill Howard, Angela Jordan  
Lewis & Clark Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
As national distrust in media grows, people turn to libraries for help distinguishing accurate and credible information from “fake news” and “alternative facts”. Come learn the importance of engaging the public in news/source literacy, skills to help users feel confident fact-checking information, finding reliable sources and recognizing bias, and about the Butte Public Library pilot class: “Calling B*!!$#@t”.
Significant Tidings  
Friday, April 13th  2:45 pm – 3:45 pm  
Hyalite Room  

Evaluating Your Library  
Friday, April 13th  4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Presenters: Joann Flick, Mary Anne Hansen, Alyssa Heller, Stef Johnson, Jodie Moore, David Swedman  
Aspen Room  
CE: Library Administration  
Join your colleagues from different types of libraries across Montana to learn about assessment practices in their libraries, along with current trends in libraries across the US and beyond. Hear about practical and scale-able assessment efforts that you can do no matter at what type and size of library you work. Participants will be invited to share their assessment successes and challenges.

What's New in Privacy  
Friday, April 13th  4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Presenter: Matt Beckstrom  
Tamarack Room  
CE: Technology  
Every day the privacy landscape changes. New laws, challenges, applications, and materials are popping up in an increasingly faster pace. This session will cover recent changes in the privacy arena with updates on legal cases, changes in federal and local laws, new privacy tools including applications, and new and updated lists of tools and materials to help protect yourself, your library, and your patron.

Reaching Out, Building Up: Methods for Public Libraries to Engage with Schools & Community Organizations  
Friday, April 13th  4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Presenters: Cody Allen, Gavin Woltjer  
Madison Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
The Billings Public Library (BPL) is working on expanding its outreach efforts to work directly with local schools and community organizations. This program will discuss two of these efforts in detail, their Community Crates project and Library Liaison program, and show the thought process of how BPL is approaching the idea of community outreach and how they plan to work with schools to provide substantial educational opportunities for youth in their community.

Cooking the Books: The History of Govt. Recipes and Where to Find  
Friday, April 13th  4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Presenters: Stephan Licitra, Susanne Caro  
Lewis & Clark Room  
CE: Technology  
This session works to connect librarians to government resources through an appreciation of food. You will learn to: use government primary documents to understand the historical significance of food and its representation; use primary documents to connect and engage patrons; and locate contemporary health resources to answer today’s pressing questions.

No Host Cocktail Social  
Friday, April 13th  5:15 pm – 6:30 pm  
Hyalite Room
**Awards Dinner**  
Friday, April 13th 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Hyalite Room  

**Saturday, April 14th**

**All for One: Planning for Consistency During Difficult Patron Interactions**  
Saturday, April 14th 8:15 am – 9:15 am  
Presenters: Elizabeth Jonkel, Annie Alger  
Tamarack Room  
CE: Library Services to the Public  
Serving the general public means that, on any given day, a patron’s conduct and behavior can be a wild card that disrupts normal library operations and upsets staff and others. Though every situation is different, planning for disruption is possible and success hinges on unity amongst staff and consistency in responding.

**Improving Broadband Access--Conversations about E-Rate**  
Saturday, April 14th 8:15 am – 9:15 am  
Presenter: Jennie Stapp  
Aspen Room  
CE: Technology  
The Internet has become a utility in our lives. Having high-speed Internet is critical to the work of all Montana libraries. The E-rate program offers federal funds to make Internet more affordable and to reduce the cost for Internet access for all libraries but it comes with strings attached and barriers in the application process. What are the barriers? What are we losing by not applying for e-rate? Is there a way to reduce the barriers? If so, how? If there isn’t a way to reduce or remove barriers, what other options exist for supporting high-speed Internet services? This will be a moderated discussion with a neutral facilitator guiding us in our work.

**Standout Social Media Strategies**  
Saturday, April 14th 8:15 am – 9:15 am  
Presenter: Lune Axelsen  
Madison Room  
CE: Technology  
Want to raise the level of discourse in your community? Hook your audience with your library’s story? Get inspired at this presentation of proven techniques for killer social media campaigns. Guided by your marketing plan, engage your community in conversations that matter and build lasting relationships with thought provoking content.

**School Library Advocacy: Montana School Librarians Share Their Stories**  
Saturday, April 14th 8:15 am – 9:15 am  
Presenters: Dr. Ann Ewbank, John Chastka, Mary Anne Hansen, Tona Iwan, Dianne Mattila, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Jodi Oberweiser  
Lewis & Clark Room  
CE: Library Administration  
Join school librarians, academic librarians, and special librarians to learn the results of a statewide survey of school library media specialists from Montana school libraries of all sizes. Learn what other school librarians are doing across the state to advocate for support and recognition in their school as partners and collaborators in students’ education. Hear how others are getting support for their budgetary needs. Join us to discuss the results of 119 survey submissions from small, medium and large school libraries from across the state, while learning about successes and challenges that your colleagues across the state face in their day to day work. Join the conversation so that everyone can benefit from knowing the lay of the school library land across the state.
Improving Broadband Access--Conversations about E-Rate (cont.)
Saturday, April 14th  9:20 am – 10:20 am
Presenter:  Jennie Stapp
Aspen Room
CE:  Technology
The Internet has become a utility in our lives.  Having high-speed Internet is critical to the work of all Montana libraries.  The E-rate program offers federal funds to make Internet more affordable and to reduce the cost for Internet access for all libraries but it comes with strings attached and barriers in the application process.  What are the barriers?  What are we losing by not applying for e-rate?  Is there a way to reduce the barriers?  If so, how?  If there isn’t a way to reduce or remove barriers, what other options exist for supporting high-speed Internet services?  This will be a moderated discussion with a neutral facilitator guiding us in our work.

Intellectual Property, Copyright & Your Library
Saturday, April 14th  9:20 am – 10:20 am
Presenter: Robert Lukes
Tamarack Room
CE:  Library Services to the Public
A general overview of intellectual property law as it relates to libraries, including trademark, copyright, and trade secrets. Much emphasis will be placed on copyright law and when is it OK to copy and use.

United States Postal Service Mail Etiquette for ILL & Beyond
Saturday, April 14th  9:20 am – 10:20 am
Presenter: Mary Guthmiller
Madison Room
CE:  Library Administration
Want to try to avoid (as much as humanly possible) mailing delays, frustrations, or other mishaps? Whether you’re mailing items for your library or for your own personal use, come check out tips from the USPS.

Montana Book Awards
Saturday, April 14th  9:20 am – 10:20 am
Presenter: Barbara Theroux
Lewis & Clark Room
Learn about the Montana Book Award winners and the titles that were eligible this year.

Author Brunch
Saturday, April 14th  10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Presenter:  Leslie Budewitz
Hyalite Room