



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

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Progress or Successes since Our Last Meeting:

Jennie, Nannette, and I met recently to discuss the Association's positions during the interim session. I will be in touch with Lisa, the Board, and membership asking for guidance.

New Issues:

I reported in October that the State Library will soon be kicking off a campaign concerning the essential nature of libraries in Montana. Their bid process closes on January 31. I assume MLA will be called on for input and support for this campaign moving forward. I anticipate we will hear more about the campaign from State Library personnel at conference.

As I stated above, I will soon be seeking guidance from the Government Affairs Committee and the membership on what issues we need to concern ourselves with in this interim session and during the (now, very tricky) 2019 legislative session. We will probably have some resolutions to bring before the membership at conference, and I resolve to have a better handle on that process and involve the membership before we actually get to conference.

Board Action Requested:

None at this time.