Public Library Division Meeting  
Fall Retreat at Chico Hot Springs  
October 15, 2017

Discussion around what PLD should be doing:
- Fall workshops - alternate years: central/regional  
  Central could be Helena or Lewistown
- Purpose is for networking and continuing education
- Public Library Interest Group?
- How can we support new library directors?
- Share success stories with one another
- How can libraries be better at supporting each other instead of relying on state library?
- Nice to have a resource for programs/speakers/PR Materials

Special Project: Kit, Shari, and Lauren will set up a wiki/blog/google doc link from mtlib.org that includes online resources for public libraries:
- Online tutorials
- Discussion/online forum to address some of the above items
- U Mentor program
- PL Director handbook (2011 version) is available on state library website

Something Awesome from each library in attendance:
- **State Library**: working on a “program-in-a-box” toolkit to host legislature at your library
- **Belgrade**: Learn Local multiple times per month, new logo designed by MSU graphic design students
- **East Helena Branch**: America in WWII grant - two weeks of programming
- **West Yellowstone**: hosting Spanish/English classes and building a dedicated classroom/meeting room by enclosing the patio
- **Lewis & Clark**: Lemony Snicket visit! October: Big Read grant from NEA with programming around the books: The Roundhouse, The Birch Bark House, and Trickster
- **Lewistown**: Central MT genealogy 40th anniversary
- **Glasgow HS**: Makerspace quarterly challenges
- **Dillon**: Murder Mystery dinner!
- **Cascade**: 1 speaker per month, adult book club/storytimes, minute to win it games and activities
- **MSC**: Partnering with MSU finances for programs and partnering with boy scouts to “adopt a boy scout”
- **Fallon County**: 3 databases from World Trade AZ World Culture, AZ US History, Lingo-lite
- **Livingston-Park County**: Getting a book mobile! Toothpick village! Memory cafe, MT alzheimer’s association creating a dementia friendly library
- **Laurel**: city judge is helping with a self-help law library, a dedicated section of nonfiction and a drivingtest.org partnership
- **Bozeman**: Bookmobile is doing new things every month and is an active part of community events