

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