



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee
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Progress or Successes since Last Meeting:

This year's second round of MLA grants were awarded in January. Grants were awarded to:

Abbi Dooley, North Lake County Public Library District, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Corey Fifles, Bozeman Public Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Mellisa Christofferson, Three Forks Community Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Michelle Trafton, Fergus High School Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Jacqueline Frank, Montana State University Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Mellisa Christofferson, Three Forks Community Library, Offline Grant, \$50

Heather Miles, North Lake County Public Library District, Offline Grant, \$50

Martha Furman, Imagine IF Library, Professional Development Grant, \$650. Martha will be attending The Association of Children's Museums: Interactivity 2017 in Pasadena.

The third round of grants was awarded in March. Grants were awarded to:

Angela Archuleta, Lewis & Clark Elementary and Lewistown Middle School Libraries, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Christina Cowhick, Great Falls Public Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Desiree Funston, Missoula Public Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Katherine McFadden, Great Falls Public Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Kathleen Godfrey, Belgrade Public Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Kathleen Schreiber, Harlowton Public Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Kat Wilson, Great Falls Public Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Libby Wolfe, PLUK Parent Center Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Sarah Creech, Belgrade Public Library, New Member MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Wendy Campbell, Darby Public Library, MLA Conference Grant, \$150

Hannah McKelvey, MSU Bozeman, Professional Development Grant, \$600. Hannah will be attending the Electronic Resources and Libraries 2017 conference in Austin, Texas.

New Issues:

The committee is working to make the budget match grant documentation. For example, this year there was \$2500 in the line item for MLA conference grants but documentation says there are 15 - \$150 grants (that equals \$2250).

Board Action Requested:

The committee is requesting final approval of revisions to 3 committee documents: PD chair description, PD committee description, and grants guidelines. These documents were reviewed at the January Board meeting; current revisions reflect feedback from the Board. All three documents have been provided to the Board via Google Groups (in draft form with revisions in red and in final form).

Other Comments:

Financial Report: FY 2016 budget: \$6800

Amount spent: \$4200 awarded (still have PNLA grant + PD grants to award)

(If unknown, please contact Executive Director)

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