MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee
Reported By: Sheila Bonnand
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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

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, HarlowtonPublic 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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