

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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- **Montana State Library** (<http://msl.mt.gov/>)

Montana State Library received \$45,000 from First Interstate BancSystem Foundation and the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. The money will be used to expand the Montana State Library's statewide early literacy initiative, Ready 2 Read. (ready2readmontana.org/)

Montana Library Day held September 15, 2010, celebrated Montana's libraries and librarians. (<http://msl.mt.gov/libraryday/>)

- **Montana Library Association** (<http://www.mtlib.org/>)
2011 - 2012 Executive Board

President – Kim Crowley, Flathead County Library System
Vice President – Anne Kisch, University of Montana – Western
Secretary/Treasurer – Sarah Daviau, Lincoln County Public Library
Past President – Samantha Pierson, Lincoln County Public Library
Executive Assistant – Debbi Kramer, Three Forks Community Library

- **MLA Events**

OFFLINE 2011 - A successful Montana Library Association technology mini-conference was held February 11 - 12, 2011 – Carroll College in Helena.

MLA – MPLA Joint Conference Billings, MT. - April 6 – 9, 2011 “The Road to Everywhere”, Billings Hotel and Conference Center, was a successful joint venture with approximately 498 in attendance (attendees, speakers, and vendors).

The session's, “More Bang for Your Buck: Putting Professional Organizations to Work for You”, panel members represented the Montana Library Association (MLA), Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA), the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), and the American Library Association (ALA).

MLA Board Retreat – June 2011 The annual MLA Board meeting was held at Great Falls Public Library and Great Falls Civic Center. Nick Cooney, Ascent Strategic Development, worked with Board members to develop a 3-year strategic plan.

Future MLA Conferences

2012 - Big Sky, MT.

2013 - Missoula, MT.

2014 - Billings, MT.