MONTANANS FOR LIBRARIES

Fifteen years ago, the Montana Legislature recognized the benefits of sharing resources across our libraries. By pooling resources, Montana Libraries provide top-notch library services while making the most of public funding. Now, the Montana Library Association is asking the Legislature to invest in Montana Libraries to ensure that these tools and resources are accessible to every Montanan, wherever they are.

1 **Expanding Education for All Montanans**: We want to offer statewide access to K-12 & academic resources to empower transformational, proficiency-based learning for all students, regardless of schooling choice.

2 **Meeting Demand**: Addressing wait-times for eBooks and Audiobooks is a priority. This, along with expanded sharing capacity, allows Montanans to access over 1 million items.

3 **Preserving Montana's History**: By expanding the Montana History Portal, along with free access to genealogy & newspaper databases, we can ensure that every Montanan can explore and connect with Montana's heritage.

With your support, we can build a stronger future for Montana by ensuring that knowledge, resources, & history are accessible to everyone, anytime, anywhere!

MEETING AN UNFUNDED MANDATE

MontanaLibrary2Go
Increase the budget for shared digital collections, reducing wait times by 50%

Montana K-12 OverDrive
Grow the Montana Schools OverDrive shared collection and Montana heritage collections

E-resources
Locally-selected tools for summer reading, homeschooling, genealogy, vocational resources, & more

TRAILS Consortium
Access to scholarly & professional resources as well as Montana newspapers

Shared Collections
Physical library content to be shared statewide

OCLC Group Services
Essential cataloging tools so libraries can manage collections efficiently

Montana Shared Catalog
Expand the MSC to all public & school libraries interested in joining. This provides essential software & technical support.

Montana History Portal
Document & digitize historical records and materials

Resource Support
Additional staffing for improved services to end users

Statewide Courier
Expand physical delivery infrastructure to support sharing between libraries.

State Agency Collections
Expanded support for state employee research

Scan the QR Code to learn how you can get involved & receive updates!

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION SERVICES FOR ALL MONTANANS