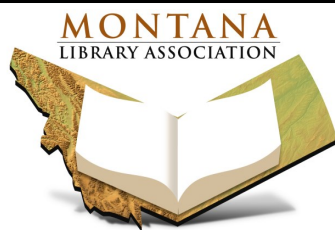


## What is the Montana Library Association?

MLA is a statewide organization of over 900 librarians, retired librarians, trustees, friends of libraries, and library students who share a love of libraries. MLA members work to promote outstanding librarianship and library services to meet knowledge needs in every part of the state.

MLA works with the Montana State Library in offering solid programs, continuing education opportunities, promotions, and services for the benefit of all types of libraries in the state.



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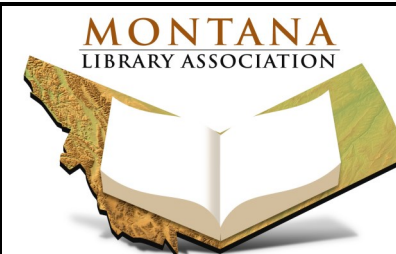
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# Montana Library Association

**Librarians,  
Trustees & Friends  
Working Together  
for Libraries  
and Patrons  
Under the  
Big Sky**



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## What do Montana libraries do for you as a Montana citizen?

Librarians in every part of our society—schools, universities, hospitals, institutions, and most counties and individual towns— are “working smart” due to the communication, education, and general help provided by the Montana Library Association.

As a result, professionals, students, and all members of local communities have access to fine libraries with information savvy directors, staff, and library board trustees. Divisions, interest groups, and committees of MLA help librarians bring you:

- Summer Reading Programs for youths and adults
- Loan services between libraries
- Technology services, training, and know-how
- Better informational, educational, and recreational resources
- Montana Library 2Go—access to digital contact, audio and eBooks

## What does the Montana Library Association do for librarians and supporters?

- MLA conventions and workshops offer a wide spectrum of training for librarians, trustees, and friends.

- MLA provides the *Focus* newsletter and Wired-MT listserv for communication and library and patron assistance.

- The MLA website, [www.mtlib.org](http://www.mtlib.org), provides information about membership and programs.

- MLA sponsors liaisons to national and regional library associations including ALA, PNLA, and MPLA.

- MLA promotes intellectual freedom and awareness as well as concrete marketing ideas for implementation in your own library.

- MLA lobbies for legislation beneficial to libraries and keeps librarians well informed of developments during legislative sessions.

- MLA offers scholarships for library education, conference attendance, and professional development.

- MLA gives annual awards for outstanding accomplishments.

- MLA provides leadership training and opportunities.

**By joining MLA you are helping advocate for all librarians in Montana and supporting the Montana State Library and all its programs.**

