

What is the Montana Library Association?

MLA is a statewide IRS 501c3 organization of over 800 librarians, retired librarians, trustees, friends of libraries, and library students who join together because they love libraries and want to help in promoting outstanding librarianship and library services which meet needs in every part of the state. MLA works with the Montana State Library in offering solid programs, continuing education, promotions, and services for the benefit of all types of libraries.

Our organization offers members a forum for exchanging information, solving problems and access to learning about the changing world of libraries and information science. Our annual convention, in April, brings together librarians for conversation, workshops, speakers and fun.

CHECK US OUT AT:
<http://www.mtlib.org>

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**TWO GOOD
REASONS TO BE
AN ACTIVE
MEMBER IN
THE MONTANA
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

- **YOUR PATRONS
&
YOURSELF!**

MLA offers its members:

- ◇ **Information Exchange**, problem-solving, and educational programs on technological developments and innovative programming from member libraries.
- ◇ **Continuing Education** opportunities including workshops, retreats, and special seminars.
- ◇ **FOCUS**, the official MLA newsletter, contains information about continuing education opportunities, library programs, book reviews, services, and current events.
- ◇ **Wired-Montana**, the librarians' listserv, sponsored by MLA.
- ◇ **Professional Development Grants** and Travel Grants are available to members for continuing education at the MLA conference and scholarship opportunities toward professional degrees.
- ◇ **Involvement**, a chance to get involved with other Montana librarians working on statewide projects and committees.
- ◇ **A real voice** influencing statewide library policy and legislation.
- ◇ **Recognition** to individuals and libraries for outstanding contribution to local, state and regional library services.
- ◇ **Website** to inform about the activities of MLA. Check us out at <http://www.mtlib.org>

MLA also offers:

Regional and **National** representation to the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA), Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), and the American Library Association (ALA) and promotes intellectual freedom and awareness.

DIVISIONS

There are three divisions within MLA, which are organized around library types and select their own officers who serve on the MLA executive board. Divisions provide programs at MLA conference as well as undertaking special projects and retreats. Membership to one of these divisions is obtained by a check indicating the division on the membership form.

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest groups are formed by presenting to the MLA Board a petition signed by at least ten members with a common interest in a topic or issue. A chairperson is selected to be the group's liaison with the Directors-at-Large, who report information to the Board, and to prepare an annual report of activities. Interest groups may be short term or long term depending on the needs of the group.

COMMITTEES

Each member has an opportunity to serve on the following committees by appointment: Awards and Honors, Bylaws, Cates Scholarship, Communications, Conference Planning, Government Affairs, Intellectual Freedom, Marketing and Public Relations, Membership, and Professional Development.

Montana Library Association Membership Application & Renewal Form

MLA fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30

The mission of the Montana Library Association is to develop, promote, and improve library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

Dues Schedule

* **New Members Subtract \$10.00 off dues schedule ***

___ \$15 Salary under \$7,000; Retired; Student; Trustee or Friend
___ \$30 Salary \$7,000 — \$10,999
___ \$35 Salary \$11,000 — \$14,999
___ \$45 Salary \$15,000 — \$24,999
___ \$50 Salary \$25,000 — \$34,999
___ \$55 Salary \$35,000 — \$39,999
___ \$60 Salary \$40,000 or more
___ \$40 School Library Division
___ \$50 Permanent Retirement Membership
___ \$100 Institutional Membership
___ \$125 Commercial Membership
Sheila Cates Scholarship Donation: \$ ___
Total: _____

DIVISIONS: Please indicate which division you wish to join.

___ PUBLIC ___ SCHOOL ___ ACADEMIC/SPECIAL

Name: _____
Library/Institution _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

INTEREST GROUPS: (Please mark if interested)

___ Technical Services
___ MILA (Montana Information Literacy Alliance)
___ Services for Children and Young Adults
___ Local History/Genealogy
___ Trustees

Please make checks payable to: Montana Library Association (F.E.I.N. 81-0366433).
Send your membership form and payment to the following:

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