

LIBRARY JOURNAL

presents the



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Now in its eleventh year, the award, sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, honors the public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to a population of 25,000 or less.





The winning library will receive:

- \$20,000 cash award
- Feature story in the Feb. 1 issue of *Library Journal*
- Membership and travel costs for two representatives to attend the biannual Public Library Association (PLA) conference, April 5-9, 2016, in Denver, CO, and a gala reception to be held there

Two finalists will receive:

- \$10,000 cash award
- Special mention in the *LJ* feature
- Membership and travel costs for two representatives to attend the PLA conference and reception



Nominations will be based on key factors, including:

- Creativity in developing services and programs that can be replicated by other libraries

- Innovation in introducing and supporting public access computing, educating patrons in its use, and measuring the impact of this technology usage

- Use of technology to expand the reach of library services

- Demonstrated community support

- Success in developing cooperation with other libraries

- Partnerships with other agencies and businesses

- Increase in library use, particularly by new users

- Evidence of library's role as community center



Deadline for submissions is **September 9, 2015**

Visit <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/awards/best-small-library-in-america-award-nomination-guidelines/> for complete entry information

or contact **Meredith Schwartz** at 646.380.0745
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Reaching New Users

- Changing community, changing library



Then (1932) and now



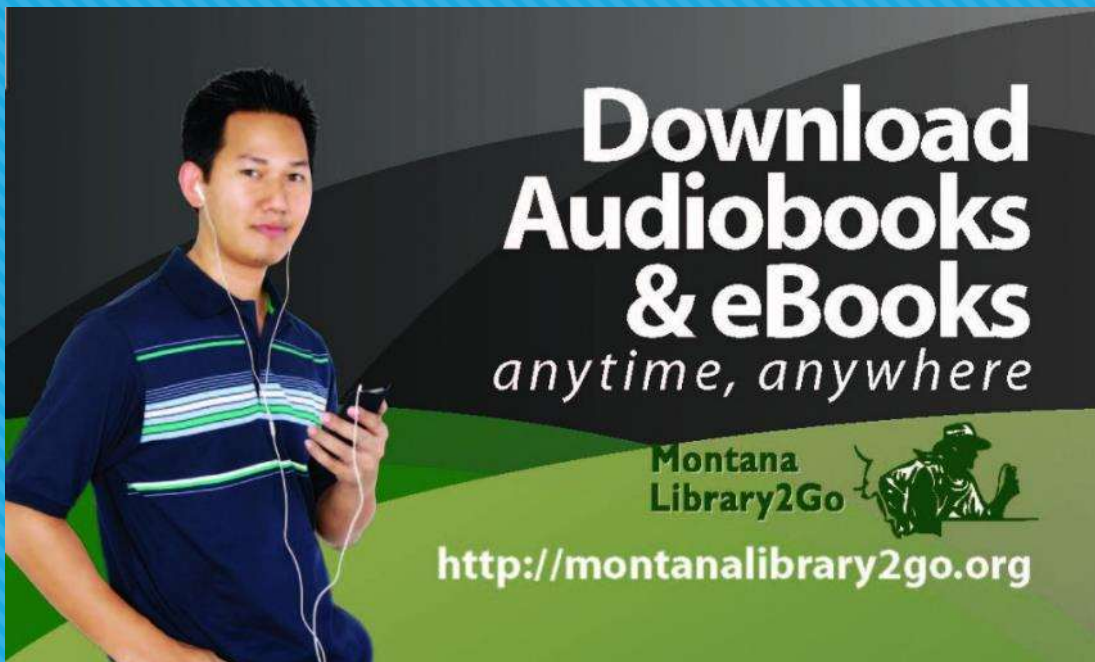
VISTA Volunteer

- In 2000 we had 1,788 registered borrowers...in 2014 we had 7,039.
- In 2000 we had 33,956 visits... in 2014 we had 81,120 visits.
- Over 84,000 book and media uses in FY 14-15...that's nearly 24,000 more annual uses than in 2010.
- 204% growth in event attendance since 2010.
- 1,767 computer uses in a typical month...not including WiFi.


Growth from all directions...how to sustain success?

Sustaining Public Access to Technology

- Thinking outside the box



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Expanding access through partnerships with local tech companies



Teen Tech Tutoring: building a bridge between two groups while introducing new technology

Belgrade Community Library

BOOK-A-TECH

Appointments are available on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Call and schedule your appointment today!

Download eBooks

Submit Job Applications

Compose Emails



Type Resumes

Search Online Databases

Use Mobile Apps

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Book-A-Tech: knowledge gap rather than a lack of hardware



Revamping the website to address the reality of limited high speed internet access and mobile use



Providing hands-on opportunities with emerging technologies through strategic partnerships



...don't forget "low tech"

Establishing Community Partnerships

- Expanding the library's reach through collaboration



Reaching out to underserved populations

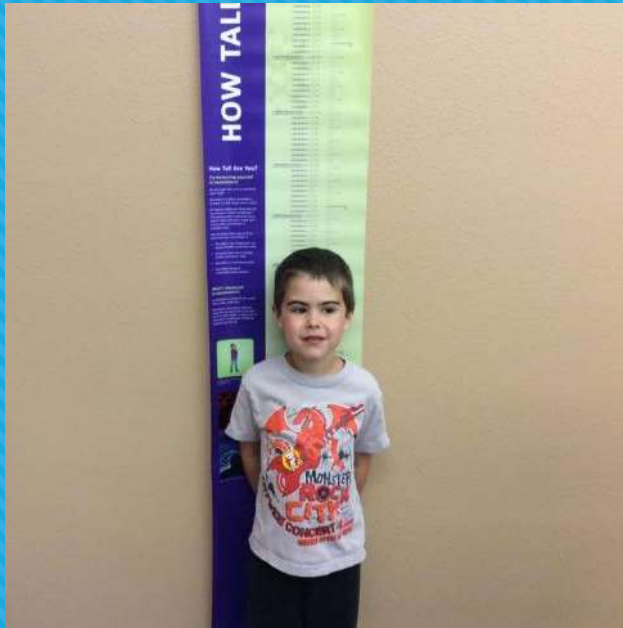


 thrive

Breaking through to a tough audience by combining resources



Partnering to bring together families from local afterschool sites



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LIFELONG LEARNING



Sharing resources with the university system to expand programming to rural areas and to promote lifelong learning

**BOZEMAN DEACONESS
HEALTHCARE CONNECTIONS
IS COMING TO BELGRADE**

<p>Central Valley Fire House Station No. 1 at 208 E. Main Saturdays: 9am-1pm *No appointment necessary</p> <p>February 21 May 2 August 8 November 21</p>	<p>Belgrade Community Library 108 N Broadway Tuesdays: 11am-3pm *No appointment necessary</p> <p>March 24 June 23 September 22 December 15</p>
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Fall Fitness with Friends
@ Belgrade Community Library
Friendly, inclusive wellness program!
Free and open to all!

October 6th—November 20th

**Register by phone
388-4346
or drop in!**

<p>Monday & Wednesday 6:00—6:50 p.m. <i>Self-paced cardio & toning program facilitated by formerly certified aerobics instructor, Gabe Bacon.</i></p>	<p>Thursdays Noon 1:00 Gentle Yoga <i>taught by certified Yoga teacher, Marjorie Ten Luck, R.N.</i> <i>Increases strength, balance, flexibility & peace of mind.</i></p>
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Belgrade Medical: 406-622-0820
Bozeman Medical: 406-565-1390
Livingston Medical: 406-222-1111
West Yellowstone Medical: 406-646-9441

Hocoma Dental: 406-565-8701
Livingston Dental: 406-622-0881

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Strengthening the community by providing health opportunities



Making connections to enhance the building itself

Here Comes Kindergarten



16 August 1:00 p.m.
Belgrade Community Library

Join the library, local teachers and community organizations to celebrate this year's kindergartners with stories and activities. Kindergartner library card registration also available.



Belgrade School District

Bringing many partners together to achieve shared objectives



“Stories to Grow has provided the children at our center with a great opportunity to access the Belgrade Community Library! They are also learning to love reading and books, through the example of our volunteer reader. We love Stories to Grow!”

-Miranda Briggs,
Director of Cradles to Crayons

Connecting with community members as
valuable partners to expand outreach efforts

Working as an Innovator

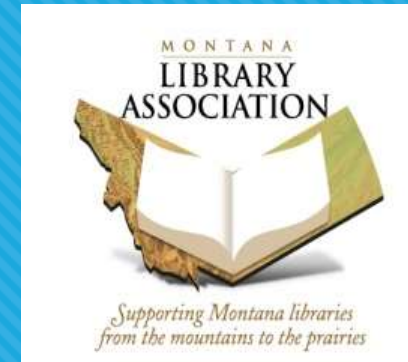
- Maximize impact by thinking toward the future



Mentoring volunteers from local training programs and social services organizations



Courier pilot project: Acting as a model for other libraries (BridgerNet and beyond)



Being active on a state and national level and investing in the staff through continuing education



Community recognition...



Community support...



...and a community celebration!

Come Visit Us!

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