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Montana's 2006 Centennial Library Conference (May 3 –May 5 in Missoula, MT) will feature pre-conference workshops with educator, Bill Moen on "21st Century Library Cataloging". This is co-sponsored by MPLA. Other pre-conferences feature librarian, author, and web expert, Rachel Singer Gordon on "The Accidental Library Manager", and Montana's own Jan Fandrich on "Funny Bones for Customer Service." Future MLA conference locations are scheduled in Helena, Colonial Inn, April 25-28, 2007; Kalispell, Outlaw Inn, April 25-28, 2008; Great Falls, Heritage Inn, April 22-25, 2009.

Montana's Library Directors will be attending the Summer Institute, June 19-22 at the MSU campus in Bozeman. The Summer Institute will be sponsored by Gates Foundation and is entitled "Keeping Your Patrons Connected." This workshop, which is part of the Gates Rural Library Sustainability Program, is designed to help small and rural libraries create and implement technology sustainability action plans.

The U.S. Government Printing Office has announced the addition of three tribal college libraries to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), Little Priest Tribal College in Nebraska, Fort Peck Community College and Salish Kootenai College in Montana. They join the more than 1,250 Federal depositories nationwide. They are the first ever Native American libraries to join the FDLP. "We are pleased to welcome these libraries into the FDLP," said Judy Russell, GPO's Superintendent of Documents. "The new libraries will provide U.S. Government publications to historically underserved populations and will also contribute valuable tribal resources to the FDLP community and its patrons." The GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO Access www.gpoaccess.gov, and through publication sales. The GPO is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms.

A survey of consumer health information services is part of a \$2000 Planning Award given to Kalispell Regional Medical Center Library by the Pacific Northwest Region/National Network of Libraries of Medicine. This survey is an attempt to assess Montanans' access to consumer health information through libraries.

Montana's Networking Task Force has secured the Testing and Education Reference Center for subscribers of the statewide contract-provided Gale/InfoTrac full-text databases. The TERC combines Peterson's college search references with interactive educational and vocational test preparation instruments. It includes information about graduate and undergraduate degrees and vocational and 2-year degrees. The higher education school database is searchable by location, major, tuition, sports and more. It also includes interactive online practice tests (22 education-related, 23 career-related tests). Some e-books are included.