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One Book Montana

Guy Vanderhaeghe's The Last Crossing was chosen for the 2007 One Book Montana.

Connecting to Collections

I, Eileen Wright, got to attend the Connecting to Collections summit in Washington DC. I was apart of the first National Conservation Summit held by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in partner with the Heritage Preservation. Two libraries and two museums were invited from each state to attend the two day summit and listen to speakers share their expertise in conservation, information on technological advances, guidance on funding, and ways to connect to your public. At a wonderful evening reception, not only where did I meet and talk with a variety of people from across the country, but I also met Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States. Jennifer Bottom-O'looney (Montana Historical Society), Sami Pierson (Lincoln County Libraries), and Robyn Peterson (Yellowstone Art Museum) were the other 3 invited who attended the Summit.

New Director

Ken Adams is the new Montana Shared Catalog Director effective July 23. Ken will be moving to Helena from Provo, Utah where he has spent the last seven years working as an Associate Systems Engineer and Technical Library Consultant for SirsiDynix. Current MSC Director, Sarah McHugh, will begin her new job as Statewide Projects Librarian beginning July 16.

Montana Library Association conference

Montana Library Association conference will take place at the Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls April 9-12, 2008. Although the due date for conference proposals are not till September 21st, they are already promoting the sending in of your conference proposals. Proposal form can be found at http://www.mtlib.org/conf/programproposalform2008.pdf

Leadership Institute

There were 4 applicants from Montana for the Leadership Institute. Two rose to the top as good candidates for the Institute with the other two as alternates.