Montana Library Report to MPLA February 26, 2014

At their recent meeting, The Montana Library Association discussed recommendations from the Legislative District Task Force, and although there are many issues, it was decided by the organization not to pursue anything legislative at this time. Because of the national attention given to organizing against the need for teacher librarians, HB 181 (the need for teacher librarians) will be discussed with the Office of Public Instruction to see what needs to be done at the next legislative session.

The annual conference of the Montana Library Association meeting will be held in Billings, Montana on April 9-12, 2014. All Mountain Plains members are invited to attend. Also feel free to attend the Pacific Northwest Library Association that is being held in Helena, Montana, August 13-15, 2014. Both conferences have a full slate of programs with something for everyone.

Montana Library Association is still looking to hire new conference planners since the retirement of our last planners.

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee will be selling a historic library calendar at the annual conference. The past calendar was a good money maker so we hope this will raise some money also.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Glock, MPLA Rep