

ST-4: Montana

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**General News:**

Our Fall Retreat at Chico Hot Springs was another fun event which joins the Academic, Special Libraries, and Public libraries together for a 2 day event in the gorgeous Paradise Valley, Montana. At the event, the MPLA, ALA, and PNLA reps got to present a short presentation on why you should join a regional and national organization. It was a well-received presentation, and I had several members comment on my enthusiasm for MPLA. I am hoping this will increase the numbers for Montana members.

Upcoming Offline technology retreat is set for February 6 & 7 in Billings. Another venue where libraries can gather together and learn about some interesting and exciting topics centered on technology.

Our upcoming Spring conference is called *Access for All: A Montana Value*, and our keynote speaker will be Barbara Jones, Director of ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom.

**MLA Newsletter:**

For more fun news happening in the state here is the link to the newsletter:

<http://mtlib.org/Focus/201412focus.pdf>