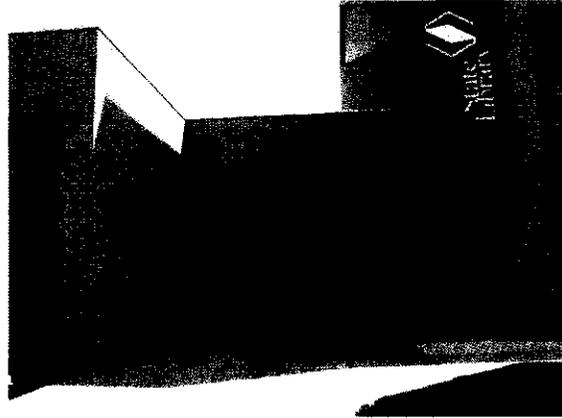
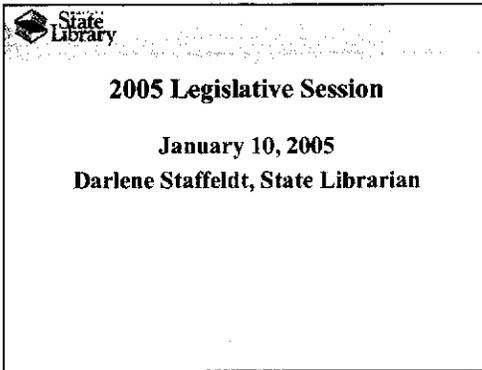




Montana State Library Budget Presentation





Representative Franklin, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Darlene Staffeldt and I am your State Librarian.

Thank you for your time and attention today. I would like to introduce my staff who are here to help me today, Kris Schmitz, Central Services Manager, and Jim Hill, Chief Information Officer (formerly known as NRIS Director).

I would like to briefly define the State Library, highlight some of our services, and touch briefly on the decision packages as presented in the legislative budget book.

For those of you who have served on this committee in the past, welcome back. I think you'll be pleased with what we've done with the budget you provided us last session.

For those of you not familiar with the state library, I think you will be surprised at what we do. At the state library, our products and services are not what you'd expect to find in a small hometown library. Although some of what we do has a familiar library ring to it, in order to carry out our functions efficiently and effectively, we have evolved into an operation able to process the incredible amount of information flowing through our state government daily. Our library has embraced technology that enables us to keep pace with our citizen's needs and the rest of the country in terms of information services



State Library's Mission:
 Help Montana citizens receive the information they need to improve and enhance their lives.

Objectives:

- Provide information about natural resources
- Fulfill information needs of state agencies
- Preserve state publications
- Improve public library services
- Promote cooperation among Montana libraries
- Provide reading materials to those with visual and/or physical disabilities

Montana State Digital Library Division




The Montana State Library is composed of programs that serve the information needs of all branches of state government, its agencies, local counterparts and individuals seeking information and materials that are not found in their local libraries.

It is increasingly providing information and services to Montana businesses and citizens who require government information.

The State Library's charge includes statewide planning for library development in all communities.

We've also provided each of you an information packet containing a separate sheet highlighting each of our programs. I won't go into the detail that this packet contains today, but I would encourage you to read through this information and call or visit us if you have any questions regarding any of the information presented.

 **State Library Commission**
Governing Body = 7 Member Board

Five members appointed by the Governor:

- Al Randall, Chair, Troy
- Donald Allen, Vice Chair, Billings
- Gail Staffanson, Sidney
- Caroline Bltz, Box Elder
- One position currently open

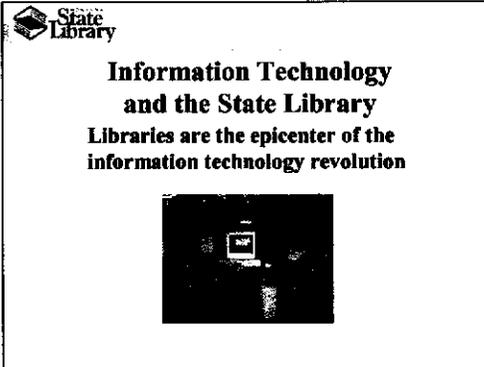
Plus: Linda McCulloch, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Bruce Morton, Dean of Montana State University Libraries, appointee of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

The State Library is governed by a seven member board.

Five members are appointed by the Governor. The others are the Superintendent of Public Instruction and an appointee of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

The chair of the commission is Al Randall of Troy, who is with us today and who will be providing testimony following mine. (Review rest of names)

Commission members are drawn from all areas of Montana and have a wide range of interests and experience. The Commission meets every other month in either Helena or throughout the State to ensure that all areas of Montana are represented.



A special note about Information technology – you’re going to hear this term a lot during this session.

As an agency that deals *only with information*, we can’t help but be at the center of the information technology revolution. Technology has enabled us to do more, reach more people, serve more information, and even save physical space. It has allowed us to improve access to accurate quality information in ways that weren’t possible just a few years ago.

Embracing Information Technology doesn’t come without cost. We’ve had to retrain and sometimes replace, staff. Our book budget now incorporates software license purchases for on-line resources. Electronic storage media is slowly replacing our shelves.

Many of our programs set a standard for information discovery and access nationally. Other programs are working through a transition from traditional services to electronic-based services, working with libraries across the nation to invent new ways of creating knowledge from data.