

FINANCIAL-COMPLIANCE AUDIT
 Montana State Library Commission
 For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011

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REPORT SUMMARY

The Montana State Library Commission (Library) has the mission to meet the information needs of state agency management and staff, and provide all citizens with access to information created by their government. The Library also supports Montana libraries in delivering quality library content and services to their patrons, and works to strengthen local community public libraries.

Context

To achieve its mission of strengthening local public libraries, the Library operates the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC). MSC is a cooperative project involving more than 100 libraries. The program facilitates access of library users to the collections of member libraries across the state. As administrator, the Library provides access to the shared catalog database server to member libraries on a 24 hours per day, 365 days per year basis. Member libraries pay the Library an annual fee for access to the shared catalog database, for which the Library received \$179,891 and \$239,250 in fiscal years 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Through the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program, partially funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the Library is collaborating with 42 of Montana's public libraries to expand access to free, high-speed internet to 86 percent of the state's population by 2013. The Library will match \$1,829,473 of federal funds primarily with a \$665,000 private donation.

Results

We issued an unqualified opinion on the financial schedules for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. The Library implemented the recommendation from the prior audit. The report contains no new recommendations.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	0
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	0
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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