

**Mountain Plains Library Association / Pacific Northwest Library Association / Montana  
Library Association Tri-Conference  
Missoula MT, August 3-6**

Highlights of select sessions attended:

1. Connected Library: Getting Creative with Mobile Devices
  - a. Grand County Public Library (Moab, UT)
  - b. Overview of how the library is circulating iPods, Windows laptops, Chromebooks, and WiFi hotspots
  - c. Highlighted: remote disabling; cleaning previous patron use; reconfiguration; workflow; storage; funding; suppliers; maintenance; replacement parts
  - d. Simple, basic checkouts. Not agreement forms. No fines or replacement fees.
  - e. Partnerships with high school, senior centers, adult education center, other non-profit organizations, health and social services organizations, schools, government offices, etc.
  - f. Flexibility in the face of change
2. Better Service through Self Service? It's Possible!
  - a. Plan for the majority (responsible users) rather than the minority (abusers).
  - b. Lockers, vending machines, RFID
  - c. Little Free Libraries
  - d. Guldborgsund Library (Denmark)
  - e. Express Library – Arvada, CO - [Express Library | Jefferson County Public Library \(jeffcolibrary.org\)](http://ExpressLibrary.org)
  - f. Schedule time with librarian via Zoom
  - g. Biblioteca Open Plus
  - h. Gwinnet County (GA), Scott County (MN)
  - i. Transformative vs. transactional
3. Shoring up the Connection: Documentary Film, Libraries, and Community Outreach
  - a. Two school librarians from Montana presented on projects they did with students, community members, and local filmmaker, Tahj Kjelland.
  - b. Rising Voices - [Browning Rising Voices - YouTube](http://BrowningRisingVoices.org)
  - c. The Spirit of the Horse - [The Spirit Of The Horse - YouTube](http://TheSpiritOfTheHorse.org)
4. Building Bridges Together by Sharing
  - a. An overview of the Montana Memory Project - [Montana Memory Project \(mtmemory.org\)](http://mtmemory.org) – updates, upcoming projects, collaborators, and more.
  - b. Over 72,000 items, research guides, digital exhibits, narrative exhibits, content hubs, lesson plans
  - c. Recollect CMS
5. Creating a New Web-Based Portal for Tribal Treaties
  - a. A review of the new database of the digitized Charles J. Kappler's Indian Affairs: Laws & Treaties, Volume 2 - 375 ratified treaties between 1778 and 1886.
  - b. Oklahoma State University partnership with USDA and Department of the Interior.

- c. [Home - Tribal Treaties Database \(okstate.edu\)](http://okstate.edu)
- 6. Visit to Missoula Public Library
  - a. The library just won an international award from the International Federation of Library Associations as the Public Library of 2022. This award is “presented to a newly designed library in any country which has excelled at combining open and sustainable architecture with IT solutions, learning technologies, and local culture and landscape.” Missoula Public Library is the first library in North America to win this prestigious award.
  - b. “This year’s field of nominated libraries is particularly strong and reveals the breadth of scope within new library buildings. From large and impressive prestige buildings to innovative and sustainable solutions and smaller local meeting venues. But Missoula Public Library has it all. The building stands out for its beautiful architecture that pays homage to the surrounding landscape while offering a wealth of possibilities and serving as a meeting place for the community. It’s a library that you would relish having in your own local area. It’s a library built for the future.”
  - c. The Wednesday evening reception was held at the library. It is a beautiful space being used by many community groups. I particularly liked the demonstration kitchen and compact makerspace.

Session presented on:

#### Connecting and Collaborating with Tribal Libraries

- Cristina Reyes (Utah State Library), Mary Villegas (Arizona State Library), and I presented on public, tribal libraries.
- We gave an overview of tribal libraries in the region and a history of tribal-US government relationships (historical and current court cases).
- I presented on TLP, NALSIG, NM state statutes, and the State Tribal Collaboration Act. I also touched on challenges.
- We finalized our session by giving examples of collaborations, as well as having a tribal librarian give points on how outside groups can best connect and collaborate with public, tribal libraries.