

Montana Historical Society  
Agency's Goals and Objectives

Measurable Objectives for the 2011 Biennium

Goal	Measurable Objectives	Current status of Measures
<p>More frequent in-the-field services delivered to Montana communities and heritage groups, and more input on future of MHS gathered.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of meetings, consultations, and professional workshops held around the state.</li> <li>2. Attendance and participation in annual state history conference.</li> <li>3. Usefulness of feedback for planning of future for MHS</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Town halls and discussion groups have met in fifteen communities since July 2007.</li> <li>2. Annual history conference being planned to involve greater grassroots participation.</li> </ol>
<p>More mission-related partnerships with other state agencies, with nonprofit groups, and with other levels of government.</p>	<p>Number of formalized partnerships that further the causes of heritage preservation and history education.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partnerships with Montana Heritage Commission, Moss Mansion-Billings, Native American Advisory Council, OPI, Golden Triangle Educators, Montana North Central Education Service region are in place.</li> <li>2. International partnerships being explored with sister state of Kumamoto, Japan, and Alberta province, Canada.</li> </ol>
<p>Master planning of new facility and launching of fundraising campaign.</p>	<p>Completion of master plan by 6/30/09. Launching of capital and endowment campaign by 9/30/09.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Solicitation of architectural services underway.</li> <li>2. Fundraising strategies being developed.</li> <li>3. \$7.5 million in bonding authority in place from 2005 legislature.</li> </ol>

Montana Historical Society  
Administration Division

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Improve Internal Controls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analyze financial internal control systems</li> <li>2. Document financial internal control systems</li> <li>3. Monitor financial internal control systems</li> </ol>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Increase dues-paying memberships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of members grows from 1600 to 1800.</li> <li>2. Increase number of higher-level memberships</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New membership coordinator hired.</li> <li>3. New membership program being developed.</li> </ol>
Increase information technology capabilities and services in-house.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IT staff has upgraded all workstations to state-of-the-art capabilities.</li> <li>2. All staff have gained new skills in computer operations.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All workstation are in process of being upgraded.</li> <li>2. Training for staff is occurring on priority basis.</li> </ol>

Montana Historical Society Research Center Program		
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To develop and improve the nation's most comprehensive collection of research materials related to the history of Montana and the West	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acquire published materials for the Library collection.</li> <li>2. Acquire unpublished materials and oral histories for the Archives collection.</li> <li>3. Acquire historic photographs for the Photograph Archives collection.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Library acquired 743 new items.</li> <li>2. Archives acquired 144 linear feet of materials and 49 oral histories.</li> <li>3. Photograph Archives acquired 8,878 images.</li> </ol>
To assist the public in the use of the collections.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist patrons remotely (letters, email, and telephone) with requests for information.</li> <li>2. Assist patrons in person with requests for information.</li> <li>3. Provide patrons with reproductions of materials in the collection.</li> <li>4. Provide access to select materials remotely via inter-library loan.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assisted 8,821 patrons with remote requests.</li> <li>2. Assisted 4,494 patrons in person.</li> <li>3. Provided patrons with reproductions of 3,153 items in the collections.</li> <li>4. Loaned 594 reels of microfilm to other libraries through inter-library loan.</li> </ol>
To make the collections accessible and useful to the public.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add records for all new acquisitions to the Montana Shared Catalog.</li> <li>2. Add finding aids for processed archival collections to the Northwest Digital Archives online database.</li> <li>3. Organize and catalog Archives and Photograph Archives collections to make them more accessible.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Added 3,966 records to the Montana Shared Catalog.</li> <li>2. Added 53 finding aids for archival collections to the Northwest Digital Archives.</li> <li>3. Organized and cataloged 41 collections (290 linear feet) of archival collections and 8,301 images.</li> </ol>

\*The figures for the current status of measures are based on FY2008 statistics.

Montana Historical Society  
Museum Program

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Preservation of art and artifacts held in trust for the public by the museum through collections care, collections management, preservation efforts and conservation projects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continual - part of daily curatorial work</li> <li>2. Track specific projects annually</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide quality exhibits and educational programming for our statewide and national audiences at Montana's Museum, the Original Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of exhibits provided annually</li> <li>2. Number of programs provided annually</li> <li>3. Annual attendance figures-i.e. museum/tours/events</li> <li>4. Evaluations</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide accurate information on historical and technical subjects to individuals, representatives of cultural organizations, governmental agencies, the educational community, and others	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of inquiries answered annually</li> <li>2. Number of outreach programs annually</li> <li>3. Number of educational products provided to Montana schools</li> <li>4. Feedback from those served and evaluations</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Develop and improve the museum's permanent collection through the acquisition of art and artifacts appropriate to the mission of the Society, i.e., items that pertain to the history and culture of Montana and the geographic region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of donations and items added to permanent collection (with assessment of historical value) annually</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Protect and preserve the permanent artwork in the State Capitol, and within the Capitol Complex, by inspecting, maintaining, and arranging for conservation of the art, in addition to the care and preservation of art items removed from the Capitol.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monthly inspections and maintenance</li> <li>2. Implement plan for continuing conservation as necessary</li> </ol>	Work in progress

Montana Historical Society  
Publication Program

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To continue publication and distribution of <i>Montana The Magazine of Western History</i> , the state's award-winning quarterly history journal and the only one of its kind, for readers throughout Montana, in all 50 states, and 17 foreign countries.	This objective can be measured by the quarterly—Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter—appearance of the magazine in mailboxes and on newsstands.	Quarterly magazine in production stage
To continue operation of the Montana Historical Society Press, review 10 book-length manuscripts and proposals, edit and produce <b>up to 3</b> books each year.	This objective can be measured by the appearance in stores of <b>up to 3</b> new MHS Press books each year.	Reviewing manuscripts and proposals to edit and produce books
To distribute 50,000 copies of the magazine each year, including more than 1,000 copies to Montana schools and libraries and more than 1,000 copies to out-of-state schools and libraries	This objective can be measured by looking at print run, circulation, educational copies, and back issue sale figures.	Distribution in progress

## Goals and Measurable Objectives

The following figure shows the department base year and budgeted biennium goals and performance measures that are associated with the proposed 2011 biennium HB 2 budget.

Montana Historical Society Education Division		
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Goal	Measurable Objectives	Current status of Measures
Provide quality tours that are educational and engaging to Montana School students coming into the MHS and the State Capitol.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Track Number of students served annually</li> <li>2. Garner feedback from teachers on the effectiveness of the tours given and their success in reaching students at the appropriate grade level</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide a quality educational experience for Montana School students not able to visit MHS in person by supplying schools statewide with “Hands-On History Trunks”	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Track number of schools served annually</li> <li>2. Garner feedback from teachers on the effectiveness of the trunks and their success in reaching students at the appropriate grade level</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide quality historic interpretation, easily accessible to the general public, statewide through the National Register Sign Program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Track number of signs produced annually</li> <li>2. Track geographic distribution of signs</li> </ol>	Work in progress

Montana Historical Society  
Historic Preservation Program

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Assist and provide funding support, as available, for state and local historic preservation projects and initiatives, including survey and identification, brick-and-mortar restoration, planning, promotion, education, training and interpretation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate and assist state and local agencies, organizations and individuals in planning, organizing and implementing their historic preservation efforts and initiatives, as requested.</li> <li>2. Secure and distribute at least \$200,000 in federal, state and private funding support over the biennium to state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals for successful historic preservation projects and programs.</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Maintain and add to statewide inventory of locations of survey and of known recorded historic and archaeological properties in Montana (State Antiquities Database).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compile and add 500 new cultural resource inventory reports to the electronic State Antiquities Database each year, FY2010 and FY2011.</li> <li>2. Obtain and enter records for 1,000 new historic and archaeological properties into the State Antiquities Database each year, FY2010 and FY2011.</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Assist property owners in the evaluation and the nomination of properties (individual and contributors to districts) to the National Register of Historic Places.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organize and support 3 meetings per year of the 9-member State Preservation Review Board in different locations around the state, FY2010 and FY2011.</li> <li>2. Prepare and present 12 new nominations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the review and approval by the State Preservation Review Board in FY2010 and again in FY2011.</li> </ol>	Work in progress