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Darby Community Public Library Receives Statewide Award

(HELENA) --- On April 10th, at the 101st annual Montana Library Association conference held in Billings, the Darby Community Public Library received the 2014 Excellent Library Service Award (ELSA) from the Montana State Library (MSL) Commission. The awards were announced by Commission Vice-Chair Lee Miller.

The ELSA recognizes libraries for achieving excellence in serving their communities in areas including collection development, information access, policies, planning and evaluation, fiscal management, board accomplishments, continuing education for staff and trustees, and outreach to the community. The ELSA requirements are adapted from Montana's current Public Library Standards, which serves as a measuring tool for libraries in the state.

"The Montana State Library Commission is honored to recognize our state's very best in library services with the ELSA," said MSL Commission Chair Richard Quillin. "Montana libraries face unique challenges from our geography, climate, and rural environment. But the libraries that received the ELSA are not only meeting these challenges, they are also exceeding expectations to ensure that the communities they serve are connected to the latest in information, technology, and knowledge."

Forty-six libraries of all types – academic, special, public, and school – received the ELSA in 2014.

For more information on the Excellent Library Service Award, visit http://libraries.montanastatelibrary.org/library_development/elsa/ or contact Sara Groves at (406) 444-5357 or at sgroves@mt.gov.

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