

- Improvements: nametags, travel expenses (mileage can be paid)

Lifelong learning – Bobbi DeMontine

- Ideas/offering: Cohost with other libraries, help with virtual programming, summer reading brainstorm session 5/16, Creative Aging (ex: artists visiting seniors and teaching them the art/photography), Revitalize trunk availability (bats, bears, aquatic lifeforms, NASA), class about economic tools and investing in rural libraries.

Data presentation – salary data collected, task force (question about self-directed programming on survey), adding rotating section to address emerging service needs for geographic divides, look at clarity of questions.

MT State Librarian (Jenny Stepp)

- State library – more trainings are available on MSL Learn platform and YouTube channel, for trustees, too.
- MT State Library Commission
 - Discussed updating legislative roles, tribal college libraries eligible for funding (minimizes impact on public library funding while maximizing usage of funds).

Fall meeting of Tamarack (online) Thurs., Oct 17 2024 at 6pm (Zoom)

Spring Retreat in Polson Fri, April 25 and Sat Apr. 26 2025

Tamarack Federation meeting Day 4/27/25

Ashley Kent from MSU Extension presented on

- State entitlement
- Open meeting law
- Public comment
- Building relationships with the county commissioner
- Land ownership
- FOIA requests
- Interacting with the Press.
- Why local government exists, the hierarchy of government.
- State library has a director's handbook of policy suggestions. Make the policies beforehand, not during a contentious discussion.
- Meeting format/order of business.
- How to set up discussion on a contentious topic