

I am very pleased to be able to invite all of you to participate in the second-hopefully-annual Ready 2 Read Rendezvous. This all-expense paid training is generously being sponsored by the First Interstate BancSystem Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Here's the deal: The weekend of October 5, 6, and 7th, 2012, 30 or so librarians will gather in Helena to become early learning aficionados. Did I mention it's ALL EXPENSES PAID?!! Because it is. Your hotel, food, and – if need be -- \$100 of your travel expenses are all covered.

But wait, there's more! You will hear from leading experts about the importance of play; the value of blocks; designing a family-friendly library; the best ways to address children's behaviors; and lots more!

At last year's Rendezvous, the energy and excitement of the librarians who attended was palpable! You could feel it, and they have gone out and done some pretty amazing things in the past year to better serve families with children in their communities.

This year, we're opening the Rendezvous to all public and tribal libraries because we feel that any libraries that serve families can greatly benefit from attending. Funding is limited, so please apply now. Questions? Contact me.

Ready 2 Read Rendezvous Application Instructions

Accessing the application is easy – just follow these steps:

- Go to the Montana Library Directory at http://www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Library_Directory/default.asp
- Click the "Edit" button.
- Use the drop-down lists to narrow the search for your library, and then click the "Search" button.
- Click on the name of your library. This will bring you to your library's login screen.
- Enter the password that you use to access your library's directory listing. (If you don't have your password, choose "Help!!! I can't remember my password!").
- Click on the "Login" button. This will bring you to the Main Menu.
- From the Main Menu, select the "Ready 2 Read" menu item.
- From the Ready 2 Read Menu, select the "Rendezvous Application" menu item.
- **Complete and submit the application by August 15, 2012.**

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