



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: Cates Committee

Reported By: Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson

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### **Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:**

It was another exciting, and fun-filled year for Cates activities at the 2018 MLA Conference in Bozeman.

We had 50 amazing items in the Sheila Cates Silent Auction and 100 bidders. Competition was fierce but everyone walked away happy knowing their ticket sale money was going to the amazing cause of scholarships for Montana librarians. For a complete list of items donated for the Cates Silent Auction, see the MLA Webpage at <http://mtlib.org/scholarship/>.

Thursday night, librarians got a little crazy at the MLA Librarians Got Talent Cates fundraising event. We had magic, art, lip synching, drink making, a play and more--there are many talented librarians in Montana. After much deliberation, these three awards for the talent show were given.

Kendra Mullison 1st Place Individual (for the watercolor painting of the sloth she did at the event and then placed in the Cates auction the next day).

John Finn and Matt Beckstrom 1st Place Team (for Cocktail Music). (Probably didn't hurt that they auctioned off the martinis they made to the highest bidder!)

Jacqueline Frank and Taylor Schultz 1st place Cates Scholarship team (for LIE brarians of ILLusion). Both Jacqueline and Taylor are past Cates scholarship winners and their magic act was really really good, despite having said they'd only been practicing for a week).

**Between the Cates Silent Auction and the Cates MLA Librarians Got Talent fundraising event, we raised \$3,600 for scholarships for librarians at conference!**

We also have a beautiful new Cates traveling quilt this year, due to the amazing efforts of Eva English. The previous Cates quilt was completely full of patches and has gone to be displayed at the state library in remembrance of Sheila. This year's winners of the Cates traveling quilt (to be displayed at their library and a library patch added) were Margaret Stell from St. Matthews and Valier Public Library.

**The deadline for applying for a Cates scholarship for 2018 is July 2, 2018!**

The Cates Scholarship Committee

- Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Chair
- Jo Flick
- Jim Kammerer
- Mary Guthmiller
- Bobbi deMontigny

- Anita Scheetz
- Della Dubbe
- Mary Anne Hansen
- Cherie Hesel

I am working on getting photos of all the Cates scholars for a slide show and poster for MLA and/or for the Website.

I also think it would be fun to create a slideshow of event photos. Cates events through the ages.

**New Issues:**

Need to get past Cates winners to Cates events and contributing to Cates auction.

Perhaps think about changing up style of Cates events in future years.

**Board Action Requested:** None.

**Other Comments:** Love chairing the Cates Committee!