



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: Offline Planning Committee

Reported By: John Finn

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

The Committee presented a successful Offline at Helena College on Friday/Saturday February 7/8, 2020. Programs included:

**Chromebooks in Libraries** – Aaron Canen **CE: Technology**

**Device Checkout Headaches and Solutions** – Panel Discussion **CE: Technology**

**Technology and the Library: How Change Begets Change** - Mark Sheehan **CE: Technology**

**Open Education Resources (O.E.R.)** – Doralyn Rossmann, Della Dubbe, Jessie Pate **CE: Collection**

**Oculus Gos – Introducing VR to Libraries** – Suzanne Reymer, Amelea Kim **CE: Technology**

**Computational Thinking** – Heather Dickerson, Cody Allen **CE: Library Services to the Public**

Offline made the Association a profit of \$2,344.65

The North Lake County Library offered to host next year's Offline in beautiful Polson, MT.

### **New Issues:**

I understand that I am victim of old man nostalgia and I had a lot of fun putting Offline together and seeing old Offline friends like Mark Sheehan, who came out of retirement to present for us. He paid his own way. And Lynn Puckett, who likely attended her final Offline due to her impending retirement. I understand that there is an appetite for combining the Fall Retreat with Offline. They are different animals, but if cost savings are the only goal, then I have no recommendation. If there is a desire to continue with Offline, I can offer suggestions to those planning future events.

### **Board Action Requested:**

None.