Earlier this summer, staff drafted changes to two sections of the agency rules:

- Revision of the eligibility requirements for LSTA grants and extending those same requirements to library applicants for all our grant programs, regardless of funding source.
- Revision of rules governing the use of the Talking Book Service to reflect the conversion to digital and downloadable content and alignment with National Library Services guidelines.

This Board initiated the rule-making process with a motion at its June 1 meeting. The proposed rules were then published in the July 4, 2018 Idaho Administrative Bulletin. A link to the rulemaking notice was posted on LibIdaho and on the agency website with an invitation to review and comment on the proposed rules. The 21-day public comment period ended on July 25, and no questions or comments were submitted.

Once adopted by the Board, the pending rules will be published in the September 5 or October 3 Bulletin and scheduled for review by the 2019 House and the Senate Education Committees, which may approve or reject them. Rejection of a pending rule requires the adoption of a concurrent resolution. Pending rules become final and effective upon the adjournment of the legislative session.

**Suggested motion:** I move that the pending rules governing the use of Commission Services, Docket # 30-0101-1801, be adopted as distributed in Board Document 19-06.

M/S __________/__________ C/F __________________
004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

006. FILING OF DOCUMENTS.
All documents, applications, correspondence, or other written materials that are intended to be acted upon by the Commission must be mailed to the Commission at the mailing address set forth in Section 005 of these rules. The original of any documents, applications, correspondence, or other written materials that are submitted to the Commission using its facsimile number or sent via electronic mail must be deposited into the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Commission, that same day.

007. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.
All rules contained in this chapter are subject to and in compliance with the Idaho Public Records Act (Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code).

008. -- 010. (RESERVED)

011. DEFINITIONS.

01. Academic Library. A library organized and operating as part of an institution of higher education. An academic library may be, or be part of, a registered non-profit organization with tax exempt status.

02. Board. The Idaho Board of Library Commissioners as established in Title 33, Chapter 25, Idaho Code.


04. Library Clientele. The clientele of a library is dependent upon the type of library:

a. Academic library. The students, staff, and faculty of the academic institution.

b. Public library. The residents of the library’s legal service area, as defined by the boundaries of its jurisdiction, and any non-residents as further defined by the library board’s policies and contracts.

c. School library. The students, staff, and faculty of the school or school district.

d. Special library. The patrons of the individual library or its parent institution, or both.

05. Library Consortia. A local, regional, statewide, or interstate cooperative association of library entities which provides for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of academic, public, school, and special libraries for improved services for the clientele of the member library entities.

06. Public Library. A library organized and operating in compliance with Title 33, Chapter 26 or Title 33, Chapter 27, Idaho Code.

07. School Library. A library organized and operating as part of a primary or secondary school, or both, or school district. Also called a school library media center.
08. **Special Library.** A library that is not an academic, public, or school library, usually organized to meet a specialized mission and operating with a specialized collection, or to serve a specialized clientele. A special library may be a tribal, military or correctional institution library, or one that is, or is part of, a registered non-profit organization with tax exempt status.

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

020. **LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Grant Programs - General Eligibility Requirements - Additional Eligibility Requirements.**

01. **General Eligibility Requirements for Public, School, Academic, and Special Library Grant Program Applicants.** In addition to applicant specific criteria set forth in Subsections 020.02 and 020.03 of these rules. Any LSTA grant program library applicant or participant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

a. The library is, or is part of, a non-profit institution or agency that receives substantial support from public tax revenues.

b. The library has a current, written long range or strategic plan that is available in the library for review.

c. The library consists of a specific, permanent space exclusively designated for providing library services.

d. The library collects, provides, and coordinates access to library materials.

e. The library serves its clientele free of charge.

f. The library maintains regular and published hours of operation posted at the library door, and is open at least five (5) hours per week.

i. Academic library: minimum of seventy-five (75) hours per week while school is in session.

ii. Public library: minimum of twelve (12) hours per week, including some evening or weekend hours.

iii. School library: minimum of six (6) hours per day while school is in session.

iv. Special library: dependent upon mission.

g. The library employs an administrator who is responsible for the daily operations of the library and has complied with previous Commission grant conditions during the preceding fiscal year.

h. The library has at least one (1) paid staff member on duty in responsible for the daily operation of the library during the hours the library is open.

i. The library has an operable phone within the place set aside for the library and an e-mail address.

j. The library loans its materials to other Idaho libraries without charge.

k. The library provides training opportunities for its staff.

l. The library offers computer access, including Internet access, for its clientele, and has a policy that addresses acceptable use.
g. The library is not affiliated with any school, university or organization controlled by any church, sectarian, or religious denomination (Idaho State Constitution, Article IX, Section 5). (4-2-08)

h. The library seeking to participate in any grant program must apply on forms provided by the Commission for that purpose. (4-2-08)

02. Additional Eligibility Requirements for School and Academic Libraries Grant Program Applicants. In addition to the criteria set forth in Subsection 020.01 of these rules, any LSTA grant program school or academic library applicant or participant must also meet the following requirements: (4-2-08)

a. The school is on the Idaho State Department of Education’s current Accreditation Summary Report. (4-2-08)

b. The school district employs a certificated media generalist. (4-2-08)

c. For school libraries, the school maintains a space that:

i. Is dedicated to library services, and is not space solely used for other instructions, such as a teacher’s classroom; (4-2-08)

ii. Houses books and other tools supporting the curriculum, research and reading requirements of students and staff; (4-2-08)

iii. Is accessible for the students, teachers and staff at the school; and (4-2-08)

eb. For academic libraries, the academic institution is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. (4-2-08)

03. Additional Eligibility Requirements for Public Libraries Grant Program Applicants. In addition to the criteria set forth in Subsection 020.01 of these rules, any LSTA grant program public library applicant or participant must also meet the following requirements: (4-2-08)

a. The library is established and operating in compliance with Title 33, Chapter 26 or Title 33, Chapter 27, Idaho Code. (4-2-08)

b. The library is open to the general public and does not charge a fee to any resident of its legal service area for any basic library service. Basic library services include: (4-2-08)

i. Access during posted operating hours to library collections and the Internet. (4-2-08)

ii. Circulation of library materials, regardless of format. (4-2-08)

iii. Access to interlibrary loan services. Postage charges for interlibrary loans are assumed by the library, not the user. (4-2-08)

iv. Reference services, regardless of format. (4-2-08)

c. The library has a completed annual “Idaho Public District Library Annual Statistical Report Survey” for the preceding fiscal year accepted by, and on file at, the Commission. (4-2-08)

d. The library has adopted a written internet safety policy that has been reviewed within the last three (3) years by the library’s board of trustees and is posted at the library. (4-2-08)

dc. The library maintains a website presence that provides current information about, or access to, its services including: (4-2-08)
021. LIBRARY CONSORTIUM GRANT PROGRAM APPLICANTS.

In addition to the criteria set forth in Subsection 020.01 of these rules, any LSTA grant program library consortium applicant or participant must have a formal organizational structure with at least the following elements in place:

01. **Name.** A name for the consortium. (4-2-08)

02. **Identification Number.** A tax identification number or an employer identification number (EIN) for the consortium. (4-2-08)

03. **Members List.** A list of all the members. (4-2-08)

04. **Governance Structure.** A representative governance structure and the name or names of the individuals with leadership roles and responsibilities identified. (4-2-08)

05. **Funding Mechanism.** A sustaining funding mechanism supported in part by local funds from the members involved. (4-2-08)

06. **Plan.** A current, written long range or strategic plan approved by the members and available for review. (4-2-08)

07. **Agreement or By-Laws.** A cooperative agreement or by-laws of the organization signed by each member. (4-2-08)

08. **Policies and Procedures.** Policies and procedures for services, such as reciprocal borrowing, shared circulation, materials delivery, and cooperative collection development. (4-2-08)

09. **Addition or Withdrawal of Members.** Procedures for adding members to, and withdrawing members from, the consortia. (4-2-08)

022. NON-LIBRARY ENTITIES.

Any LSTA grant program non-library entity applicant or participant must:

01. **Registered Non-Profit.** Be a non-profit corporation registered with the Idaho Secretary of State under the Idaho Non-Profit Corporation Act (Title 30, Chapter 3, Idaho Code) and
02. **Tax Exempt.** Have tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) or be tax exempt as a governmental unit or publicly supported organization under Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. Section 509(a)(1).

(4-2-08)

023. **LSTA GRANT PROGRAM.**

All applicants seeking to participate in any LSTA grant program must apply on forms provided by the Commission.

(3-29-10)

0242. – 029. (RESERVED)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

050. **TALKING BOOK SERVICE (TBS).**

01. **Patron Status.**

   a. Active status. To remain active, users must borrow or download at least one (1) book per year or subscribe to at least one (1) magazine provided through the service.

   (3-29-10)

   b. Changes of status. The user must notify the Talking Book Service of address changes, a desire to cancel the service, and temporary or permanent service transfer to another state.

   (3-29-10)

   c. Good standing. To receive a digital player and books, user’s account must reflect:

   i. The current permanent mailing address and contact information; and

   (3-29-12)

   ii. No history of lost machines as defined by library procedures or more than one (1) Recorded Cassette (RC) player currently checked out.

   (3-29-12)

02. **Materials Loaned.**

   a. Formats. Recorded Audio and Braille books, magazines, and descriptive videos and discs are loaned free to eligible registered users. The Talking Book Service keeps records of all loans.

   (3-29-10)

   b. Equipment. Equipment necessary to listen to recorded audio materials will be loaned for as long as the user meets National Library Service eligibility requirements and is using the equipment to listen to materials provided by the Talking Book Service. Materials received from sources other than the Talking Book Service do not qualify for continuance of service. Playback equipment needing repair must be returned to the Talking Book Service. A replacement will be provided upon request. The user should not attempt to repair the playback equipment or replace the battery.

   (3-29-10)

   c. Sharing materials. Users may not lend Talking Book Service materials or equipment to other persons.

   (3-29-10)

03. **Circulation.**

   a. Number of titles loaned. The Board shall establish the maximum number of titles each user may request and that information is available at the Commission office. Once a user reaches the established maximum number of titles, no additional titles will be sent in that format until outstanding titles are returned. A user may request a change in the number of titles received at any time, up to the maximum.

   (3-29-12)

   b. Loan periods. The Board shall establish loan periods for all titles and that information is available at the Commission office.

   (3-29-12)

   c. Overdue materials. Users are urged to return materials promptly so they can be circulated to other
patrons. (3-29-12)

d. Fines. No fines are levied for materials returned later than the circulation due date. (3-29-10)

e. Returning materials. Materials can be returned free via the United State Postal Service using Free Matter for the Blind mailing cards. Place materials in a mailbox or take them to the Post Office. (3-29-10)

f. Lost or damaged materials. The user is charged a replacement fee for each lost or damaged descriptive video or disc as outlined in Section 33-2620, Idaho Code, “Failure to Return Borrowed Material.” (3-29-10)

04. Service Suspension. If any of the rules of Section 050 of these rules are repeatedly violated, the user's service may be suspended pursuant to the following suspension procedure: (3-29-10)

a. Service staff will discuss the violation with the user. (3-29-10)

b. A warning letter will be sent to the user that summarizes the discussion and the violation. The user will have an opportunity to reply within ten (10) business days. (3-29-10)

c. If rule violations continue, a second warning letter will be sent citing the earlier warning letter and listing examples of subsequent violations. The service can be suspended for up to six (6) months. A specific date to reinstate service will be included in this letter. The user will have an opportunity to reply within ten (10) business days. (3-29-10)

d. When service is reinstated, a letter will be sent notifying the user of reinstatement of service and reminding the user that further documented violations will result in another suspension of service. (3-29-10)

051. -- 999. (RESERVED)