Dear School Librarian,

I am writing to invite you to apply for our free March 8, 9 and 10, 2009 in-service Critical Learning Skills in the 21st Century: Collaborating for Student Success. The purpose of this workshop is to expand services for student learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats in school library media centers.

As you'll see from the attached agenda, we are keeping the elements from our 2008 in-service that participants found valuable. This includes bringing a VIP from your school—a curriculum coordinator, department head, administrator or board trustee to attend Sunday's session. Your VIP is welcome to stay for additional days of the in-service. We will also be working with Big6 within the context of the 21st century skills needed for students to succeed and offering hands-on training from the science components of the Libraries Linking Idaho Databases (LiLI-D).

For this in-service, we ask that you bring along a science teacher who is willing to develop a curriculum map and lesson plan with you for the entire in-service. We'll be working with Idaho Standard 1: Nature of Science and Standard 5: Personal and Social Perspectives; Technology. You'll find both on our website at http://www.libraries.idaho.gov/schools.

The Commission is using LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Service to cover travel, meal, and hotel costs for you and your team. Continuing education credit is available for you, your science teacher and your VIP if your VIP attends the entire in-service. And you are eligible to apply regardless of attendance last year or your certification credentials.

Please apply online at www.libraries.idaho.gov/schools. Due to space limitations we can only accept 30 middle or high school librarians and their teams. To best reflect Idaho's diversity, we will select teams to represent varying school and district sizes as well as geographic areas of the state. Applications are due November 10. For more information, contact Anne Abrams or Shirley Biladeau at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271.

Sincerely,

Ann Joslin, State Librarian

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