

MISSION The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele.

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FY2010 INITIATIVES

- BTOP grant project
- E-rate funding
- LSTA grant projects
- LiLI Databases study
- USDA grant/loan
- SWIM Scholarships
- Transforming Life After 50
- Connecting to Collections
- WESTPAS Preservation
- The Big Read

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Federal funds: \$1,907,531
 Matching funds: 942,815*
 Total budget: \$2,850,346

*Over 20% project match provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, augmented with in-kind and resource contributions from ICfL and key partners, including the Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Public Television, and Idaho Professional-Technical Education.

BTOP Award Period:
 August 2010 to July 2012

"online @ your library" BTOP grant project

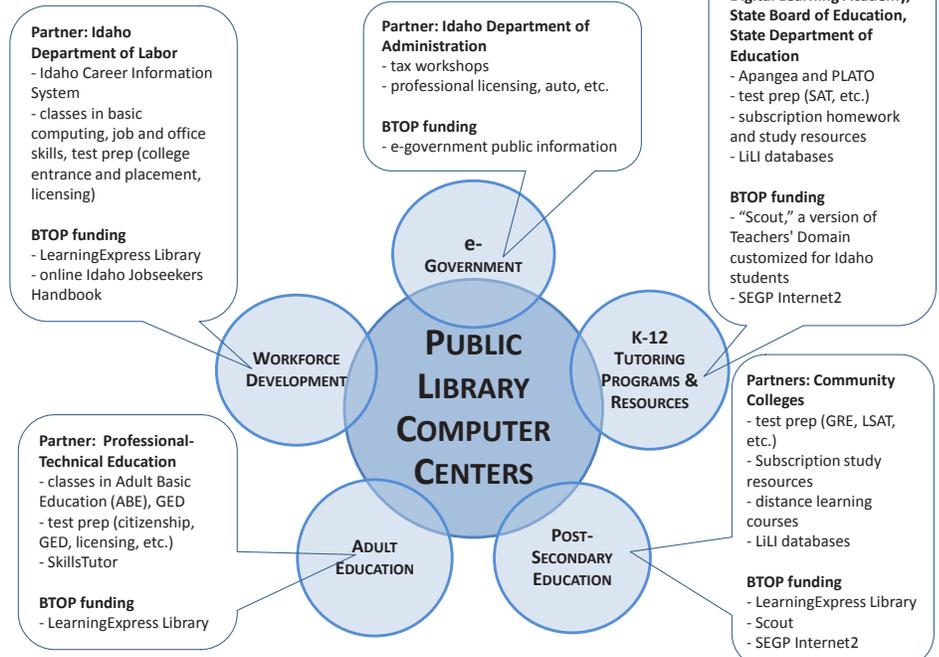
In August 2010, the Idaho Commission for Libraries received an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) award from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The goals of this Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) "Public Computer Center" project are to:

- Expand broadband capacity in over 40% of Idaho's least connected public libraries and upgrade public computing resources in those libraries.
- Expand online resources statewide, including access to informal learning resources for children, job skills and adult basic education for the unemployed, and e-government services for all Idahoans.

The Commission is partnering with several state agencies—including the Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Public Television, and Idaho Professional-Technical Education—to leverage existing online resources relative to the needs of the under-employed and students.

To ensure sustainability of expanded broadband capacity, libraries have been trained in the E-rate application process, have applied for E-rate discounts from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and are waiting to hear about funding commitments for FY2011. (See more about E-rate on page 2.)

What "online@yourlibrary" Looks Like



E-RATE FUNDING

Disbursements	
FY05	76,883
FY06	83,757
FY07	109,225
FY08	113,462
FY09	143,697
Total	\$527,024

Total funding commitments for FY2010: \$145,781



Idaho Commission for Libraries administers Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

LSTA FUNDING

Statewide Projects & Grants	
FY07	\$1,225,260
FY08	\$1,180,138
FY09	\$1,344,613
FY10	\$1,369,784
FY11	\$1,299,688



Study recommendations:

- Longer contracts with vendors
- Advanced and better communications about changes
- Changes to the interface for easier use
- Improved promotion to increase user awareness

E-rate funding in public libraries

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as the E-rate program, is administered under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Through the E-rate program, discounts are made available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections. Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served, and they range from 20% to 90% of the costs of eligible services.

As a result of the BTOP project focus on broadband sustainability, in 2011 a record 92 of 141 Idaho public library outlets have applied for \$588,213 in E-rate discounts and are waiting to hear about funding commitments.

FY2010 LSTA CE and competitive grants

Continuing Education (CE) grants

Over \$30,600 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) continuing education grant funds were used for 47 applicants for first-time attendance at library conferences, staff and trustee development, and support for formal library courses.

Competitive grants

Contingent on the Commission receiving the total LSTA award, public libraries in Idaho were approved for \$44,744 in FY2011 LSTA funds for projects consistent with LSTA's priorities that support the Board of Library Commissioners' strategic issues for Idaho's libraries. The libraries involved in the following projects serve a total of nearly 382,000 Idaho residents:

- Boise Public Library: \$31,563 for a Survey of Library Service Needs for Boise-Area Community to provide valuable information for future planning.
- Cooperative Information Network (CIN): \$13,181 to add Benewah County Library District to CIN, which will cover the entire panhandle with library and courier services.

LiLI Databases Study

In 2010, the Idaho Commission for Libraries contracted with Nancy Bolt & Associates to carry out a study of the Libraries Linking Idaho Databases (LiLI-D). The intent was to identify success factors, the impact of LiLI-D on libraries and end users, implications for the future, and to make recommendations for the program.

Findings confirm that LiLI-D is a success because it provides needed resources to Idaho residents at no cost to local libraries and in a way that allows local libraries to improve their service. Study participants also identified challenges with LiLI-D and provided suggestions to make LiLI-D even more successful than it already is.

USDA grant and loan for library expansion

The City of Payette has received a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant of \$80,000 and loan of \$1,100,000 to build an addition to the Payette Public Library. Ground was broken on March 24, 2011. The current building doesn't have sufficient capacity for its collection and programs, wasn't designed for computer usage, and is not ADA accessible. The expansion will double the size of the existing library facility and will include a public meeting room; dedicated personal computer space; dedicated children's reading area; and space for study, meetings, and relaxation.



Payette Public Library expansion plan

SWIM Scholarships

South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana (SWIM) have collaborated to provide education scholarships for librarians and school library media specialists to work in the region's rural communities through the SWIM Regional Collaborative Library Education Project. The project is funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

In fall 2010, students began their

coursework, and will receive a substantial level of financial support (80% of tuition and fees) and the opportunity to earn an American Library Association-accredited Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) or a School Library Media Endorsement.

Nine Idaho SWIM scholars—from Boise, Jerome, Meridian, Moscow, Payette, and Twin Falls—were accepted into the program and are currently working towards an MLIS.



Transforming Life After 50 Fellowships

Idaho Commission for Libraries, California State Library, Oregon State Library, and Washington State Library collaborated to offer librarians a yearlong Fellowship opportunity funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. Fellows re-examine traditional views on aging and explore innovative ways in which public libraries can become centers of lifelong learning and civic engagement.

All of the 17 Idaho applicants were accepted into the Western Regional Fellowship, "Transforming Life After 50" (TLA50). Libraries with TLA50 fellows are:

- Ada Community Library, Boise
- Benewah County Library, Fernwood
- Boise Public Library
- Burley Public Library
- Coeur d'Alene Public Library
- Community Library Network, Hayden
- Community Library Network, Post Falls

- DeMary Memorial Library, Rupert
- Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise
- Jerome Public Library
- Lewiston City Library
- Lizard Butte Library, Marsing
- Marshall Public Library, Pocatello
- Portneuf District Library, Chubbuck
- Twin Falls Public Library

COLLECTIONS

In fall 2010:

- 101 cultural heritage organizations responded to an online survey to assess holdings and preservation needs
- Project consultants made 13 preservation-needs assessment site visits
- 26 individuals from a diverse group of Idaho cultural heritage institutions met to plan for statewide preservation activities

Idaho Connecting to Collections

In April 2010, Ada Community Library, in cooperation with museums, libraries, records offices, archives, and historical societies across Idaho, was awarded a Connecting to Collections Statewide Planning Project Grant of \$39,500 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The project is designed to identify preservation needs within a variety of Idaho cultural heritage institutions, raise awareness of the need and assist organizations in developing a plan for proper care of collections, and facilitate creation of a network of organizations and collaborative efforts, thus creating a formal relationship to provide communication across cultural heritage communities.

WESTPAS preservation and disaster planning

In September 2010, Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS) presented a disaster preparedness workshop in Idaho entitled "Scenario Planning & Collaboration Among Libraries & Archives to Improve Disaster Preparedness for Collections." This workshop was made possible with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and was cosponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Participants learned how to assess vulnerabilities, test previously developed plans, explore how collaborations can help people respond to a disaster, and build a shared vision for regional disaster preparedness.

The Big Read 2011

Ada Community Library and project partners, Boise Public Library, The Cabin, and the Idaho Statesman, were awarded a Big Read grant in the amount of \$14,900 for a project that took place mid-January to mid-March 2011. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens.

"The Big Read Boise and Beyond" was offered to any interested Idaho library. In addition to 32 public library locations, the Mountain Home Air Force Base Library and 19 school libraries participated, representing all corners of the state.

STATE FUNDING

The General Fund Numbers

FY09 Adjusted Appropriation	\$3,960,400
FY10 Adjusted Appropriation	\$3,134,300
FY11 Appropriation	\$2,796,400
FY12 Appropriation	\$2,997,700*

*Includes funding restoration for the annualization of the LiLI-D contracts within the state fiscal year