To All Idaho School Librarians

We know your contributions to education are priceless. To help us articulate that value to opinion leaders, the Idaho Commission for Libraries has commissioned a brand-new statewide study. Your input to this entirely new research project is essential for it to be successful.

Although the study won’t begin until Spring 2009, we are beginning the preliminary phase now, and we need your help to have meaningful findings.

To prepare for the statewide school survey, we’ll need the following information by Wednesday, November 26:

- Contact information for you (whether employed as a media generalist or specialist, teacher, library media aide, teacher aide, etc.). If you work in school libraries in more than one school, please respond separately for each school. The study is examining the dynamics around school libraries on a school-by-school basis, so we need data at that level.
- Contact information for your principal; up to two other building or district administrators; and three to five of your teacher colleagues. Include names, job titles, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Go to www.libraries.idaho.gov/study to fill out the form or find other submission options. Submit by November 26 and you’ll be eligible to win $500 in books from Follett Library Resources.

Each of you and these other individuals will be sent brief, easy-to-answer surveys in Spring 2009. Your collective responses will help us to better understand the impact your library media center has upon your school community. All data is confidential and only the contracted research team will analyze the responses and report them in a summary format. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Nelson at frank.nelson@libraries.idaho.gov or our research contractors, the RSL Research Group, at RSLinfo@rslresearch.com.

Sincerely,

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