



IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES

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Dear School Librarian,

Please plan to attend one of our upcoming *Partnering to Shape 21st Century Learners* regional sessions to be held from 9 am to 3 pm in Coeur d'Alene on Wednesday, February 3, in Pocatello on Saturday, February 20 and in Boise on Saturday, April 24. These workshops will provide training on how to leverage school library partnerships in order to meet the needs of an evolving schoolhouse community. You'll come away with a blueprint for developing partnerships along with data on the impact of Idaho school library programs on student success. The agenda enclosed for your review.

We are fortunate to have Lisa Layera Brunkan and Susan McBurney, co-founders of The Washington Coalition for School Libraries & Information Technology (aka the Washington Moms) as our guest presenters. Last year they led a grass-roots campaign in Washington State to raise the awareness of the importance of libraries on student academic success.

Effective partnerships are shaped by the needs of different stakeholders—parents, teachers, administrators, legislators, and librarians—with the goal of creating 21st century learners. For this workshop, we ask that you serve as a team leader and bring along an administrator and one or more parents to help you formulate your blueprint for your 21st century library program. Feel free to invite teachers, technical support staff, and others to help you envision and design the blueprint. Your administrator should plan to attend the morning sessions and they are welcome, but not required, to stay for the entire day. Those who attend with a team—an administrator and one or more parents—will be eligible to win an eBook subscription from Gale Cengage Learning.

The Commission is using LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to cover meal costs for you and your team. Register your team information by January 21 (Coeur d'Alene), February 5 (Pocatello) or April 10 (Boise) at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/slpartners>. 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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