Continuing Education for Trustees

The Idaho Commission for Libraries supports educational resources for members of Idaho public library boards. In addition to free face to face and online training resources, there are grants for leadership development and board training funded by the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

How To Get Started

1. Review the application materials at libraries.idaho.gov/lsta.
2. Contact Shirley Biladeau to confirm the conference or learning activity qualifies and to clarify the application process.
3. Applications are due 50 calendar days before the CE event.
4. One grant is allowed per individual, per state fiscal year.

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Continuing Education Grants

Through continuing education opportunities, the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) assists Idaho publicly-funded libraries in building capacity to better serve their clientele.

Idaho libraries may apply for grants to support the skill development of public library board members. These grants are funded by the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Conference Grant
Supports first-time attendance at a major state, regional, or national library conference held outside a 50-mile radius of their library locale.

Pre-Approved Library Events List at http://libraries.idaho.gov/lsta

Group Grant
Supports the professional development needs of large group CE activities (that may include trustees). Partnership among libraries is encouraged; 25% local match required.

How to Qualify

Idaho public libraries may apply for grants to support individual or group continuing education (CE) activities throughout the year. Activities must support one of ICfL’s strategic issues for library development: Access, Literacy, or Community Anchor.

To determine whether the activity and/or your library is eligible to apply for a CE grant, check out page 4 of the CE Grant Guide found at http://libraries.idaho.gov/lsta

What’s New

There are new criteria for individuals and libraries who wish to apply for a continuing education grant.

- One 1st-Time Conference Attendee grant per individual per fiscal year.
- Applications must be submitted 50 days in advance of the event.

Check out the details at:

Events to Consider Attending

American Association of School Librarians
http://www.ala.org/aasl/conferences/national

American Library Association
http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents

Association of College and Research Libraries
http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences

Association of Library Services to Children
http://www.ala.org/alsc/institute

Association of Rural and Small Libraries
http://arsl.info/

Idaho Library Association
http://www.idaholibraries.org/conferences

Internet Librarian
http://www.infotoday.com

Pacific Northwest Library Association
http://www.pnla.org

Public Library Association
http://www.ala.org/pla/education

More information can be found at http://libraries.idaho.gov/lsta