



Idaho  
Commission  
for Libraries

# FY2011 FEDERAL SUPPORT TO IDAHO LIBRARIES

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

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## FY2011 INITIATIVES

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## online@your library® BTOP grant project

The Idaho Commission for Libraries' (ICfL) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) project, "online @ your library," is in its second year. In 55 of Idaho's least connected public libraries, Internet connectivity is up from an average of 1.5 Mbps to an average of 11 Mbps, with 530 new computers installed to date. In 2011, the number of users of public-access computing in these BTOP libraries increased 18 percent. The Commission continues to partner with state agencies to bring new online resources to Idaho residents, promote the expanded Internet access available through public libraries, and build library users' digital literacy skills.

Find out more at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/online>.

**BTOP award period:** 8/2010 to 11/2012      **Federal funds:** \$1,907,531

## E-RATE FUNDING

### Disbursements

FY06	83,757
FY07	109,225
FY08	113,462
FY09	143,697
FY10	145,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$595,922</b>

In FY11, Idaho public libraries received funding commitments for **\$576,499**.

## E-Rate funding in public libraries

As a result of the BTOP project focus on broadband sustainability, in 2011 a record 90 of 143 Idaho public library outlets applied for and received funding commitments for \$576,498.65 in E-Rate discounts through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund. These discounts are available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections. Discounts depend on poverty level and urban/rural status of the population served. In Idaho discounts range from 40 to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services, with an average of 77 percent. Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/node/9178>.

## Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded projects

### LSSC Registration Assistance Award

In May 2011, six library staff members from around the state received the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Registration Assistance Award. LSSC, funded by an IMLS grant to the American Library Association (ALA), offers library employees the opportunity to enhance library service and increase their skills in areas such as technology and communication. The award covers one-half of the candidate registration fee for the certification program. See more at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/lssc>.

### TLA50—Mid-life Adults

Seventeen Idaho library professionals completed the Transforming Life After 50 (TLA50) Fellowship, which introduced them to a new framework for serving mid-life adults, ages 50+. Fellows re-examined traditional views on aging and explored innovative ways in which public libraries can become centers of lifelong learning and civic engagement. The year-long program was funded by a grant from the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. Fellows are now implementing TLA50 approaches in their libraries and sharing insights with their colleagues. Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/mid-life-adults>.



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

### LSTA FUNDING

Statewide Projects & Grants	
FY08	\$1,180,138
FY09	\$1,344,613
FY10	\$1,369,784
FY11	\$1,299,688
FY12	\$1,280,599

### Read to Me

The Read to Me (RTM) early literacy programs for public libraries and their community partners are supported by a combination of State and LSTA Funding. In FY2011, more than 165,000 books were distributed to Idaho children and over 71,000 kids and teens attended Summer Reading programs at Idaho libraries.

## FY2011 IMLS LSTA grants and projects

### Competitive grants

Public libraries serving nearly 382,000 Idaho residents received \$44,744 in FY2011 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds for networking and planning projects.

### Continuing Education (CE) grants

Over \$14,195 in LSTA continuing education grant funds were used for nine applicants for first-time attendance at library conferences and seven applicants for support for formal library courses: two for Master of Library Science (MLS), two for Media Generalist, and three for Formal Library Science Courses for Professional Development.

### Talking Book Service

The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) has been federally funded, through LSTA funding, since FY2010. Idaho TBS focuses on outreach via public libraries to help them better serve those requiring reading alternatives. During FY11:

- 2,723 residents and 275 institutions were served
- 207,575 items circulated, a 12% increase over FY10

Since FY10, TBS has been transitioning to digital and has now distributed digital players to 96 percent of Idaho users. In addition, 352 locally recorded books are now digital and available for download from the Idaho SHELF Project, an online catalog for TBS users. In spring 2011, the Commission developed a statewide "Never Stop Reading" campaign that features a 30-second public service announcement focusing on the variety of titles available to TBS users and will run through April 2012. For more information visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/TBS>.

### Tweens and Teens

Idaho Commission for Libraries started the Tweens and Teens (T&T) program—which assists librarians serving youth approximately 9 to 18 years old—by offering a workshop through the American Library Association (ALA) Teens and Tech initiative. ALA programs for tweens and teens include Teen Read Week, Teen Tech Week, and the Teen Video Challenge. The Commission has leveraged LSTA funds to expand T&T to offer libraries a menu of programs. Commission staff members hold workshops throughout the state to give librarians tools and tips for reaching this underserved population. Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/tweens-and-teens> for more information.

### 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*
FY13 Appropriation	\$3,135,500

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