

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY2022 Enhancement Considerations - Discussion**

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The last budget memo from the Division of Financial Management said it is unlikely the state will be in a position to consider new General Fund items or supplemental requests. However, with the possibility of libraries and schools needing to close again, there are few e-books available for Idaho students and adults right now. If DFM allows enhancements, we would pursue including one or more of these in our budget submission if there is support from the Board. We will also be actively looking for additional funding sources.

**STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR E-BOOKS AND E-AUDIO - \$250,000**

Now is the time to provide ongoing support to allow Idahoans of all ages to access e-books and e-audio titles from their homes. A committee of ICfL staff has conducted a focus group and interviewed libraries to better understand the needs and challenges to provide better support at the state level. Staff are currently exploring options with vendors, and this cost is just a rough estimate. A quality statewide solution may be much higher.

Statewide support for e-books has been identified by staff as the highest priority for additional funding. Other requests that may have been considered in better economic times include:

- \$150,000 for statewide managed content filter system for library wi-fi
- \$57,400 for EOR (Educational Opportunities Resource) broadband support
- \$140,000 to expand the Kindergarten-ready grant program