

VI. GENERAL, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, & LIBRARY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUNDS (LSIF)

A.1. Finances – LSIF and Misc. Rev. funds received – Action Item

The ICfL staff have received funds from two sources recently and are requesting Board support to spend the awards from the Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF).

The **STEM Action Center** provided \$20,000 to support the STEM Curiosity Collection. Funds will be used to purchase nonfiction STEM e-books and e-audio titles that will be made accessible through the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA).

The **STEM Action Center** is also providing \$11,600 in a collaborative virtual book club for the second edition of *Coding as a Playground*, by Marina Umaschi Bers. This book introduces computational thinking concepts in early childhood settings. The second edition of the book recently came out and focuses on how engaging children with early computational thinking concepts can also help them develop early literacy skills. The project has two main goals:

- Introduce librarians and early childhood practitioners in Idaho to the research and practices of computational thinking for young children
- Develop communities of practice who can work together to improve early literacy, including digital literacy, for Idaho's youngest learners

All Idaho library staff and early childhood educators may apply to be part of the book club. The club and virtual meetings will be facilitated by ICfL Youth Services Consultant Jennifer Redford and Heather Lee from the STEM Action Center. There would be 10-15 participants in each club and they will receive the book, robots, and more.

Former businessman, Idaho State Senator, and community leader **Hal Bunderson** provided a donation of \$8,200 to get his Idaho books into more libraries. These books tell Idaho's history through the stories of each of Idaho's 200 cities and some of Idaho's great entrepreneurs. Hal led a group of volunteer researchers and historians from around the state in compiling the Idaho Cities books and wrote Idaho Entrepreneurs himself. From the time of their publication, the royalties from the sale of Idaho's 200 Cities books have gone to the Association of Idaho Cities while the royalties from Idaho Entrepreneurs support a Boise State University endowed scholarship fund. Hal is making this donation as he feels that his gift will directly benefit the institutions he loves: libraries, cities, and education.

This partnership with the Idaho Library Association and the ICfL resulted in 58 libraries receiving the titles they requested. Of the \$8,200 donation, \$8,178 went to the book publisher to cover printing and shipping costs. These funds were deposited in the ICfL's miscellaneous revenue fund.

As outlined in Idaho Code, Board approval is required for all expenditures from the LSIF:

33-2506 (2) Purpose. The purpose of the library services improvement fund is to further the development of library services for all the people of Idaho. Moneys in the library services improvement fund are appropriated to and may be expended by the board of library commissioners at any time for the purposes provided in this section.

(4)(c) Payments from the library services improvement fund may be used only for the purposes approved by the board of library commissioners. Funding decisions shall be solely within the discretion of the board of library commissioners.

Suggested motion: I move that the expenditure of up to \$31,600 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for implementation of projects outlined in Board Document 21-56.

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