

VI. Legislation, Policies, and Guidelines
A. Legislature - Reports to the Legislature

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHANIE BAILEY-WHITE

I, **Stephanie Bailey-White**, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the State Librarian for the Idaho Commission for Libraries ("ICfL"). and I make this statement based upon my official duties.
2. As the State Librarian, I sent the following email communication to each of the one hundred six (106) public library directors within the State of Idaho in September 2025, to obtain information necessary for the preparation of this report.

The Idaho Commission is required by the Idaho Legislature to confirm that Idaho libraries are adhering to Idaho Code 18-15178, the Children's School and Library Protection act. Please affirm below whether you are following these sections as required by Idaho law.

Code References:

18-15178- Children's School and Library Protection Act

18-1514 - Obscene Materials - Definitions

Does your library or school district have a collection development policy that includes required language from Section 18-15178 of Idaho Code, and a form allowing a person to request review of material the person considers to be harmful to minors AND does the form contain the definition of "harmful to minors," as found in Section 18-1514 of Idaho Code?

Yes No

Does your library adhere to Section 18-15178 of Idaho Code?

Yes No

3. Libraries that did not respond to the initial email were sent a reminder email, followed by a telephone call, in order to secure a one hundred percent (100%) response rate.
4. A small number of library directors who initially responded "no" to one or both of the survey questions received a follow-up telephone call from ICfL Public Library Consultant Clay Ritter or Deputy State Librarian Dylan Baker, who provided clarification regarding the law. After receiving this information, those libraries conferred with their boards and subsequently made the necessary revisions to their collection development policies and practices.
5. The Donnelly Public Library District reported that it is seeking legal counsel and will respond to the questions upon receipt of advice from its attorney.



I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Stephanie Bailey-White
Stephanie Bailey-White
State Librarian, Idaho Commission for Libraries

Subscribed and sworn before me this 24TH day of NOVEMBER 2025.

[Signature]



Notary Public

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 08.19.2030



AFFIDAVIT OF GREGORY SCOTT WILSON

I, **Gregory Scott Wilson**, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Chief of Staff for the Idaho Department of Education ("IDE") and I make this statement based upon my official duties.
2. As the Chief of Staff, I sent the following email communication to the district superintendent or public charter school administrator at each of the one hundred eighty-five (185) local education agencies ("LEAs") within the State of Idaho to obtain information necessary for the preparation of the report required by Senate Bill 1196 (2025).

The Idaho Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Idaho Legislature Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee confirming that school libraries are adhering to sections 18-1517B and 33-137, Idaho Code. These sections are entitled "Children's School and Library Protection" and "Digital and Online Library Resources for K-12 Students." To enable the Department to complete this report, I ask that each of you, or a designee, answer the three yes/no questions on this linked form as soon as possible.

3. The form linked to the email contained the following questions:

1. Does your LEA have a policy allowing a person to request review of library material the person considers to be harmful to minors?

Yes

No

Not Applicable - LEA does not have a library

2. Does your LEA have a readily accessible form allowing a person to request review of library material the person considers to be harmful to minors?

Yes

No

2a. Does the form contain the definition of "harmful to minors" as provided in section 18-1514(6) Idaho Code?

\ Yes

\ No

3. For any digital or online library resources offered to students, does your LEA have safety policies and technology protection measures that

(a) Prohibit and prevent a user from sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading materials that are deemed to be harmful to minors; and

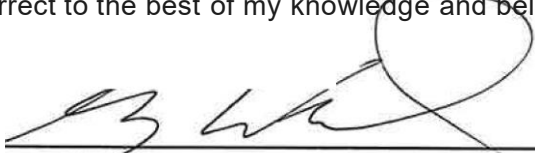
(b) Filter or block access to obscene materials, materials harmful to minors, and materials that depict the sexual exploitation of a minor?

Yes

No

4. Sixteen (16) LEAs responded to the first question with "Not Applicable - LEA does not have a library."
5. One hundred twelve (112) LEAs responded "Yes" to all three questions.
6. Thirty (30) LEAs responded "No" to one or more questions.
7. Twenty-seven (27) LEAs did not complete the form.
8. The Department of Education is taking immediate action to work with those LEAs who either responded "No" or have not completed the form. The Department will work with each LEA to ensure that their school libraries adhere to sections 18-15178 and 33-137, Idaho Code, as soon as possible.

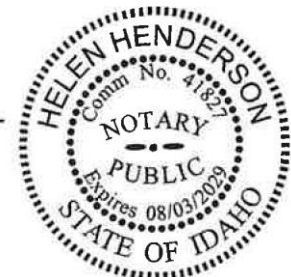
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Gregory Wilson
Chief of Staff, Idaho Department of Education

Subscribed and sworn before me this 1 day of December 2025.


Notary Public



Use of Appropriated Funds Report from the Idaho Commission for Libraries

Between July 1, 2025, and November 20, 2025, State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White contacted each of the 108 Idaho Commission for Libraries subgrant recipients by email and/or phone to obtain information necessary for the preparation of this report.

SECTION 3. USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

State-appropriated funds shall not be utilized to support diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice ideology as part of any activities, clubs, events, or organizations. Each library receiving state-appropriated funds is required to submit a written report of grant expenditures—or projected expenditures—related to these activities to the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) by November 17, 2025.

Subgrant Programs Administered by the ICfL

The ICfL provides subgrants funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) dollars to support continuing education opportunities for Idaho library staff. During this reporting period, the ICfL also awarded state-funded subgrants through the School Library Access Program, which assists school libraries in purchasing books, and through the Kindergarten Ready Program, which supports public libraries in offering early literacy resources. In addition, the Bucks for Books program—funded through a partnership with the Idaho Lottery Commission—awarded grants of up to \$3,000 to selected elementary school libraries for purchasing books.

A total of 108 libraries received grants ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 between July 1, 2025, and October 31, 2025.

Education Opportunity Resource (EOR) Act Reimbursements

The ICfL is also responsible for distributing internet service cost reimbursements to public libraries under the Education Opportunity Resource (EOR) Act, as outlined in Idaho Code §§ 33-5602 through 33-5605. EOR reimbursements cover the portion of internet service costs remaining after federal E-Rate discounts administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission.

Together, E-Rate discounts and state EOR reimbursements can fully cover a public library's internet service costs. All 72 recipients of EOR reimbursements affirmed on their reimbursement applications that they did not use these funds to support diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice ideology as part of any activities, clubs, events, or organizations.

Subgrantee Reporting

All 108 public, academic, and school subgrantees that received ICfL grants between July 1, 2025, and October 31, 2025, reported that they were not using grant funds to support diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice ideology in any activities, clubs, events, or organizations.



Libraries that did not respond to the initial email were sent a reminder email, followed by a telephone call, in order to secure the highest possible response rate.

Outstanding Response

The Donnelly Public Library District reported that it is seeking legal counsel regarding the reporting requirements and will respond after consulting its attorney; a response had not been received as of November 24, 2025 for this report.

Respectfully submitted by State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White on November 25, 2025

