

VI. Legislation, Policies, and Guidelines

B.ii. Policies – Electronic Resources Borrowing Policy – Action item

The Electronic Resources Borrowing Policy was last reviewed by the Idaho Board of Library Commissioners in December 2023. The Board is scheduled to review the policy annually. The current policy is available for the public to view at <https://libraries.idaho.gov/about/policies>, and the full text is below with proposed minor updates in red.

Electronic Resources Borrowing Policy

This policy provides the framework for borrowing materials from the electronic resources collection. The ICfL chooses resources to reflect a broad spectrum of student learning needs, viewpoints, and reader interests, with the understanding that individual Idahoans make their own choices as to what electronic resources they access based on individual interests and needs. The ICfL supports the rights and responsibilities of parents or guardians to choose appropriate items for their own children. The ICfL adheres to the American Library Association [Library Bill of Rights](#) and the [Freedom to Read Statement](#) and considers all materials in the collection protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Borrowing Eligibility

- ICfL electronic resources are only available to persons residing in the state of Idaho.
- There is no age restriction on access. Parents or guardians of minors assume responsibility for content of borrowed resources.
- Proof of Idaho residency is required, and the physical address will determine borrowing accessibility.

Obtaining Access

- Access will vary depending on electronic resource format.
- Database access is available to all Idahoans via lili.org and lilischools.org.
- Members of public libraries participating in reciprocal borrowing agreements with the ICfL may borrow e-books and e-audio materials.
- ~~Students from schools whose public library is participating in a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the ICfL and have an agreement with the public library may borrow e-books and e-audio titles.~~ Students and educators from schools that have an agreement with the ICfL may borrow e-books and e-audio titles.
- Idahoans living outside of a public library service area may obtain access directly from the ICfL.

Loan Policies and Periods

- Loan periods and processes will be set by the ICfL staff.
- No fines will accrue on electronic resources.

Privacy

All ICfL borrowing records are confidential.

Policy Implementation, Evaluation, and Revision

~~The Electronic Resources Borrowing Policy of the Idaho Commission for Libraries will be reviewed on a regular basis. This policy was approved by the ICfL Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2020.~~

Suggested motion: I move that the Board adopt the Electronic Resources Borrowing Policy as outlined in Board Document 26-46.