

ABOUT US

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) assists the more than 850 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Idaho to better serve their communities through: statewide programming and resources, like Read to Me and Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI); consulting; continuing education; partnerships; and aid to underserved populations, such as the visually impaired through the Talking Book Service.

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Programs/Services
for the
Idaho Library Community

ICfL Idaho
Commission
for Libraries

**Assists Idaho libraries
to build the capacity
to better serve
their communities.**

Broadband

Consulting for public libraries to acquire and maintain appropriate internet service for the library and its patrons, along with assistance in navigating the regulatory, accounting, infrastructure, and federal (E-rate) and state (EOR) funding components of that ongoing process.

Consulting Services

Consulting services for library development, operations, and support.

Continuing Education

Online and face-to-face learning opportunities for Idaho library staff and grants for professional development programs and conference attendance.

Early Literacy

Through its Read to Me early literacy program, the ICFL and Idaho's libraries help to ensure the youngest Idahoans are equipped to accomplish their potential.

Emerging Trends

Support to libraries in their role as informal education sources that facilitate growth, change, and knowledge in their community members in a myriad of ways.

Libraries Linking Idaho (LILI)

Through LILI at <https://lili.org>, Idahoans have free, 24/7 access to a wide range of online tools that support and enhance their education, business, and recreational needs.

Make It at the Library

Support to Idaho libraries in emerging technologies and maker spaces, which include coding, 3D printing, and video production, and facilitates critical thinking and the 21st-century skills that employers covet.

Other Services

E-Branch (hosting of library websites)
Idaho Library Statistics
Let's Talk About It
Public Information
[STACKS] (digital repository/state documents)
Volunteer Opportunities

Partnerships

The ICFL develops and maintains partnerships among Idaho libraries, agencies, organizations, and nonprofits which leverage resources for the benefit of communities throughout the Gem State.

School Libraries

The ICFL provides training, leadership development, grants, and other resources to Idaho's school librarians and libraries to help Idaho students succeed.

Summer Reading Support

Summer reading programs are designed to help children maintain or improve the reading skills they developed during the school year, so that when school resumes in the fall, they are ready to continue moving forward.

Talking Book Service (TBS)

The Idaho Talking Book Service equalizes access to information for those Idahoans unable to read standard print due to a physical disability, such as vision loss.

Tween and Teens

Information, training, and technical assistance to help Idaho libraries and their partners bridge the gap between children's and adult services.