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Summer Food Service Program Available to Public Libraries

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is available to public libraries in Idaho that want to serve as a site or a community partner.

The SFSP is a federally funded, state-administered program. The SFSP reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens (18 and younger) in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.



The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) will host an Info2Go on this topic on March 16, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. MT. For more information, visit the ICfL's events page for March: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/events/2020-03/>; and click on the Info2Go link for March 16.

If you miss the live Info2Go session, the archived sessions can be found here: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/continuing-education/info2go/>.

For more, visit <https://www.summerfood.usda.gov>. For SFSP promotional materials, visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/raise-awareness>.

We're Listening

The ICfL is actively listening to your comments, suggestions, ideas, complaints, and kudos -- in person, virtually, and in other ways, as well.

Visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/listening/> for more details and/or to submit confidential feedback.

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Youth Explorer Passes Available for Summer Reading

The ICfL is partnering with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to offer free state park passes to Idaho libraries hosting summer reading programs for children and teens.

The Youth Explorer Passes will waive the entry fee for one vehicle for one day to any Idaho state park. The passes may be used for summer reading in a variety of ways, such as being distributed when children sign up, given out as prizes, or taken to outreach events.

For more information and/or to order passes, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/icfl-and-idpr-partner-to-offer-youth-explorer-passes-for-summer-reading/>.



K-ready?

Each year, too many Idaho children begin kindergarten without basic school readiness skills. Libraries can play a critical role in helping families get their youngsters ready for school -- and the ICfL's kindergarten readiness outreach workshops are a new tool to support libraries in these efforts.

This series of one-hour outreach workshops uses a program-in-a-box model that contains activities to be facilitated by library staff, talking points, and some supplies. Libraries also receive school supply kits for each family participating in the workshops.

As an outreach vehicle, these workshops can reach families that are not regular library users. Potential outreach sites include daycare facilities, community centers, churches, and laundromats.

For more information and/or to request materials, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/k-ready-outreach-workshops/>.



The ICfL's Outreach for Underserved Children program is open for requests through June 15, 2020. Visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/underserved-program/>.



And the ICfL's Jump Start Kindergarten program is open for requests through June 30, 2020. The new book, "Dog's Colorful Day," is available for Jump Start requests. For more, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/jumpstart/>.

Broadband and More

For public libraries participating in E-rate, the state broadband reimbursement (EOR) for July through December 2019 is available. Reimbursement applications are due by June 12, 2020.

Form 470 for Funding Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) -- due February 26, 2020
Form 471 for Funding Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) -- due March 25, 2020

\$500 for Technology Improvements

Would you like \$500 to improve your public library's technology? The ICfL's Broadband Toolkit Improvement Program (BTIP) is open for year two. By participating in BTIP, you can receive \$500 to put toward the implementation of your "action items" that are determined through your customized Library Broadband Improvement Plan. For more, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/broadband-toolkit-improvement-program-btip-open-for-year-2/>.

Internet Content Filtering Law Takes Effect July 1, 2020

House Bill 194 goes into effect on July 1, 2020, updating Idaho Code section 33-2741 regarding Internet Use Policies to require all public libraries in Idaho receiving public money (including EOR state broadband reimbursement funding) to have internet content filtering in place on publicly accessible wireless internet access. For more information and/or assistance, contact the ICfL's Dylan Baker at 208-639-4167 or dylan.baker@libraries.idaho.gov.

NASA @ Your Library -- Extended through May!

The ICfL's NASA @ Your Library initiative has been extended through May 2020. It is open to all publicly funded libraries in Idaho. For more information, including promotional materials, instructional videos, and to reserve a kit, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/nasa/>.

And, check out STARnet's activity clearinghouse at <http://clearinghouse.starnetlibraries.org/66-activities> to find just the right activity based on age, time, cost, etc.



VR Training -- May 29 or 30



The ICfL will offer a one-day, hands-on virtual reality (VR) training at its Boise office on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30. The training will be the same each day -- attendees may choose the day that best fits their schedule.

With support from the STEM Action Center and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, participants will leave the training with a kit to create their own VR experiences. ICfL Emerging Trends Consultant Deana Brown said, "Why just consume VR experiences when you can make them, too?!"

Some travel expenses will be covered by the ICfL. For more, watch LibIdaho, the ICfL [Make It Facebook](#) page, and the [ICfL website](#).

2020 Census

Beginning on March 12, 2020, the Census Bureau will mail every household in the U.S. an invitation to respond to the census by phone, on a paper questionnaire, or online, which is the method being encouraged. The online responses will be encrypted. It will take about 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Census responses are confidential, secure, and protected by law.

Census responses inform where billions of federal dollars are distributed each year to local communities for roads, schools, and much more.

Libraries can help bridge the digital divide -- so everyone gets counted.

For more information and resources, visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/community-partners/census-2020/> or <https://my2020census.gov/>.



Getting Ready for Retirement?

Make sure you consult with PERSI in plenty of time to get your benefits started. For more, visit: <https://persi.idaho.gov/>.



And for info and assistance to leave with your library staff, check out the ICfL's "Survival Guide for Idaho Librarians" at: http://guides.lili.org/survival_guide/home.

You may also contact your ICfL field consultant for succession planning help. To find out who your field consultant is, visit: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/ConsultingAreaMapDec2017.pdf>.

design . . . create . . . edit . . . for free

Are you looking to create beautiful flyers, postcards, social media posts, and even videos in a minimal amount of time and without having to invest in pricey software? Here are some products and platforms that are free to use and won't require extensive training time or a graphic arts degree.

Graphic Design / Product Creation

Canva -- <https://canva.com> -- There are free and paid account options.

Canva is a web-based, graphic design platform. It uses a drag-and-drop format and provides free access to photographs, vector images, graphics, and fonts. There are existing, pre-sized templates for just about any type of product you might want to create, such as Facebook posts, invitations, flyers, cards, posters, presentations, brochures, book covers, infographics, newsletters, gift certificates, coupons, logos, and much more. Or you can create your own masterpiece that is custom sized. The products created in Canva live on the platform but can be downloaded in a variety of formats and shared in a number of ways, including via email, social media, Mailchimp, and Google Drive. There are also a range of printing options. For a few training slides with the basics to get you started, visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/continuing-education/training/>.

Photo Editing

Gimp -- <https://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

Gimp is an image manipulation program. It is similar to Adobe Photoshop, but not as robust; however, Gimp is just fine for cropping photos, retouching, image composition, etc.

Paint.net -- <https://www.getpaint.net/> -- another free image and photo editing software. It is for Windows only.

Video Editing / Effects / 3D

DaVinci Resolve -- <https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve/>

DaVinci Resolve is an alternative to Adobe's Premiere Pro video editing software. It combines professional 8K editing, color correction, visual effects, and audio postproduction all in one tool.

Fusion 16 -- <https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/fusion/>

Fusion 16 is software for creating visual effects, 3D, VR, and motion graphics.

Website Creation

Wix -- <https://www.wix.com/>

Wix is a cloud-based web development platform that allows users to create websites and mobile sites through the use of online drag-and-drop tools.

Stock Photos

Pexels -- <https://www.pexels.com/>

Pixabay -- <https://pixabay.com/>

Unsplash -- <https://unsplash.com/>

Music / Sound FX

YouTube Audio Library -- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChT8qITGkBVXKsR1ByIn-wA>

Search YouTube for "sound effects"

SoundBible -- <http://soundbible.com/>



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Resources for Trustees

The ICfL has a “trustee” page on its website which contains a wealth of material and resources, such as: the ICfL Idaho Trustee Manual, Idaho Library Laws, the Idaho Open Meetings Law Manual, the Idaho Public Records Law Manual, along with information related to the roles, responsibilities, and competencies of trustees, a trustee toolkit for hiring a new director, and much, much more. To access this webpage, please visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/trustees/>.



Contact Info Changes?

If you have changes to the contact information for your library and/or trustees, please let Tina Schilling at the ICfL know.
Email Tina at: tina.schilling@libraries.idaho.gov or call the ICfL at: 208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271.



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