

First Resources for Librarians

Free (Must-have's)

LIBIdaho is a free listserv maintained by the Idaho Library Association. Librarians all over the state communicate with one another on this service. You do not have to be a member of the Idaho Library Association to join the listserv. ICfL and other organizations use LIBIdaho to disseminate news and information.

<http://www.idaholibraries.org/LibIdaho>

The Scoop (<https://libraries.idaho.gov/publications/scoop/>) is a monthly newsletter from the Idaho Commission for Libraries for librarians in children's services, including school librarians. To subscribe go to the bottom of the ICfL home page. It is delivered as a link directly to your mailbox. This is the best way ICfL has of communicating important deadlines, grant opportunities, free resources, etc., and it is highly recommended that you subscribe.

Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) (<http://libraries.idaho.gov>) provides resources that are free to you including:

[ABLE](http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/able) stands for Alternative Basic Library Education and is a modular, self-paced program which includes basic information on many aspects of librarianship. There are certificates available for those who complete the program.

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/able>

[Library Learning Online](http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/library-learning-online) is an expansion of our service that was known as SABLE, and goes on to cover more topics. **School librarians will be especially interested in both the Youth Services Module and the Library Services for Children module.**

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/library-learning-online>

[Info2Go](http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/info2go) is a monthly webinar series that addresses any and all topics that are related to librarianship. Any librarians can attend live, but the webinars are also archived on the ICfL website and can be viewed anytime. Watch for registration announcements on LibIdaho. Find the archives at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/info2go>

[Partner Training Opportunities](http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/partner-training-opportunities) provide on-line library courses through ICfL. There are deadlines associated with these courses, so be sure to get this process started early. There are also free webinars available through these services; you can attend those live or view the archives.

Free (other)

Low Hanging Fruit is featured in the School Zone section of the Scoop, and is also posted online. It is a one-page newsletter that is designed to look as if it is coming from your library with helpful library-related information for the classroom teachers at your school. It can be forwarded to your teachers as email, or it can be printed for delivery to their mailboxes. Low Hanging Fruit is an easy way for school librarians to let teachers know about the resources available in the library, or special events/topics. <http://libraries.idaho.gov/low-hanging-fruit>

Library of Congress (www.loc.gov) is the largest library in the world. The **Classroom Materials** section of the website has primary source sets, lesson plans, and much more to help you and your teachers. Start with the Primary Source Sets and explore from there. <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/>

Digital Public Library of America (<http://dp.la/>) is a collection of digital items from museums, libraries, and archives from all over the country. There are lots of images and other items from Idaho, the United States and around the globe. Go to Partners at the bottom of the page, then select Mountain West Digital Library, and find content from the Idaho State Historical Society, BYU-Idaho, University of Idaho, and from all over the Intermountain West. Explore the rest of the site to find items from the entire United States and beyond.

Not Free (but good to consider!)

Idaho Library Association (ILA) (www.idaholibraries.org) is Idaho's professional association for librarians and library staff. They offer advocacy, education, professional development, leadership opportunities, and education opportunities. www.idaholibraries.org

Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is our regional library association and includes librarians from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana & Washington. It is the organization that brings us the Young Readers Choice Awards and PNLA Leads. www.pnla.org

American Association for School Librarians (AASL) is the national professional association for school librarians. AASL has more than 7,000 members and serves school librarians in the United States, Canada, and around the world. It is a nationally recognized voice that ensures and advocates for the highest quality school library professional and program through learning standards, program guidelines, and standards for professional preparation. www.ala.org/aasl/

American Library Association (ALA) is the national professional association for librarians and library staff. They offer advocacy and representation of librarianship on a national level. ALA and its various divisions sponsor many of the best known book awards (like the Newbery and the Caldecott Medals) and they are also the accrediting body for library schools. And much more. www.ala.org