

Mission:

The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their communities.

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Broadband / E-rate / EOR Consulting Services

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.

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Continuing Education (CE) and Training

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

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E-Branch

Library websites hosted on <https://lili.org>, enabling Idaho libraries to establish a web presence with a minimum of specialized software or technical knowledge by library staff. Contact: Doug Baker (doug.baker@libraries.idaho.gov)

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, including emerging trends like virtual reality, STEM programming, and makerspaces, along with other types of trends, such as the state's growing population of mid-life adults. Contact: Deana Brown (deana.brown@libraries.idaho.gov)

Idaho Library Statistics

Annual comprehensive compilations of services and programs, staff, collections, service area populations, funding, technology, connectivity, use, and expenditures for Idaho public libraries. Contacts: Jamie Mott (jamie.mott@libraries.idaho.gov), Karen LaMotte (Karen.Lamotte@libraries.idaho.gov)

Let's Talk About It (LTAI)

Program that brings together humanities scholars and adult readers in public libraries to read and discuss literature that explores American values, history, culture, and more. Contact: Amelia Valasek (Amelia.Valasek@libraries.idaho.gov)

Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI) Services

Through LiLI at <https://lili.org>, Idaho residents have free, 24/7 access to a wide range of online tools that support and enhance their education, business, and recreational needs. Includes: LiLI Databases (full-text content from trusted sources); LiLI Express (reciprocal borrowing between participating libraries); and ShareIdaho (Idaho's group services agreement with the Online Computer Library Center [OCLC] to provide resource-sharing and cataloging services to Idaho libraries.)

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Publications by the ICfL include: the Idaho library law manual, the Idaho annual public library statistics, as well as the following newsletters, which may be found at: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/publications>.

ICfL Newsletters:



"The Bookworm"

For librarians, parents, and teachers.



"Connections: Talking Book Service News"

For librarians and patrons of the Idaho Talking Book Service.



"The Envoy"

For public library directors and trustees.



"Low Hanging Fruit"

Customizable by school librarians to provide school-specific information to teachers.



"The Nexus"

For the Idaho library community.



"The Scoop"

For librarians providing youth services.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants

Federal funds awarded to the ICfL from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through its Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The grant funds are utilized in support of the ICfL's programs and services.

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Make It at the Library

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

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Partnerships

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

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Read to Me (RTM) Programs

Programs, such as My First Books and Jump Start Kindergarten, that provide information, training, and resources for Idaho libraries and their community partners to help parents and caregivers foster children's literacy skills.

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School Libraries

Resources and services, such as Summer Summit, that help school library staff develop and sustain current, innovative programs that support students and teachers. Contact: Jeannie Standal (jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov)

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.

Contact: LeAnn Gelskey (LeAnn.Gelskey@libraries.idaho.gov)

Tweens and Teens

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

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Other Services

Legislative Issues: Kevin Tomlinson (kevin.tomlinson@libraries.idaho.gov)

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