

MISSION

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) assists libraries to build the capacity to best serve their communities.

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ICfL's Services & Programs provided to Idaho libraries

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Consulting services to assist academic library staff in serving their students, faculty, and community. The ICfL hosts a virtual conference and regular informal meetups, plus there are opportunities for sharing innovations and best practices. CONTACTS: Annie Gaines -- annie.gaines@libraries.idaho.gov
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BILINGUAL / BICULTURAL SERVICES

The bilingual/bicultural project coordinator helps libraries effectively serve and work with the growing Latinx community in Idaho in a culturally respectful way. The coordinator hosts LITT chats, can offer insight, is available to review and advise regarding any library-created materials or programming, and more. CONTACT: Ismael Mendoza Medina -- Ismael.Mendoza@libraries.idaho.gov

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 required by library staff. CONTACT: Doug Baker -- doug.baker@libraries.idaho.gov

IDAHO LIBRARY STATISTICS

Comprehensive annual compilation of Idaho public library services and programs, staff, collections, service area populations, funding, technology, connectivity, library usage, expenditures, and more. CONTACT: Clay Ritter -- clay.ritter@libraries.idaho.gov

IDAHO DIGITAL E-BOOK ALLIANCE (IDEA)

Through IDEA, the ICfL makes more than 24,000 high-quality e-book and e-audio titles available at no cost to Idaho's public and school libraries. The fiction and nonfiction titles are available 24/7 with content that is geared for K-12 students. IDEA also contains the Curiosity Collection of STEM content and Spanish titles. For more information, visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea/>. CONTACT: Marina Rose -- Marina.Rose@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: LeAnn Gelskey -- LeAnn.Gelskey@libraries.idaho.gov

LIBRARY LEARNING & INNOVATION

The ICfL consultant provides facilitation services and collaborates on training design for staff development in an encouraging, hands-on environment where goals are identified. Current trends and technology are also explored -- so library staff are ready to engage with the future. CONTACT: Deana Brown -- deana.brown@libraries.idaho.gov

LiLI -- LIBRARIES LINKING IDAHO

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. From Explora to World Book and NoveList to Pronunciator, there is something for everyone on LiLI. Another powerful LiLI platform is LearningExpress, which contains a myriad of resources, including those for educators, career prep, college admissions test prep, adult core skills, and the software skills center. **CONTACT:** Marina Rose -- Marina.Rose@libraries.idaho.gov

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Consulting services for library staff and library trustees as related to the gamut of components, issues, and opportunities involved in library operations, including board development and orientation, library law, open meetings law, trustee issues, policy formation, best practices, and strategic planning. The public library consultant is also available to answer any general library operations questions, assist in finding resources, and, at times, being that much-needed sounding board. **CONTACT:** Clay Ritter -- clay.ritter@libraries.idaho.gov

READ TO ME (RTM) PROGRAMS

Read to Me (RTM) programs provide information, training, technical assistance, and resources for Idaho libraries and their community partners to support families of young children and help nurture children's early literacy skills so they develop as independent readers and become lifelong learners. These programs include My First Books, Jump Start Kindergarten, Early Literacy in Action, K-ready outreach/grants, Libraries and Laundromats, and Idaho Family Reading Week. **CONTACTS:** Staci Shaw -- staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov Kristina Taylor -- kristina.taylor@libraries.idaho.gov

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The ICfL supports school library staff in their efforts to develop effective and innovative school library programs. The school librarian is one of the few people in a school who has contact with every student and teacher. The ICfL provides training opportunities, identifies new technologies, encourages partnerships, and advocates for school libraries at the local, district, and state level. **CONTACT:** Jeannie Standal -- jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov

TALKING BOOK SERVICE (TBS)

The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) is a free, convenient audiobook library service for Idahoans who are visually impaired or have another qualifying condition. In most cases, a librarian may certify a person for TBS. Library staff may request info, marketing materials, a player, and more. <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs/>.
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TWEENS & TEENS

The ICfL supports tween and teen services by providing access to high-quality professional development and resources, including online toolkits and programs designed to help library staff serve tweens and teens.
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OTHER SERVICES

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Digital Skills Resources -- <https://idahodigitalskills.org>
Publications -- <https://libraries.idaho.gov/publications>
Store -- LiLI Materials -- <https://lilimaterials.libraries.idaho.gov>
Store -- Early Lit Support Materials -- <https://materials.libraries.idaho.gov>