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Governor Signs Proclamation Commemorating ICfL's 125th Anniversary

BOISE, Idaho – Today, Governor Little signed a proclamation to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) / Idaho State Library.

The Columbian Club of Boise formed a traveling library in 1899. They traveled by stagecoach with wooden boxes that contained volumes for every age and interest, providing reading materials to the many mining communities and new towns that were springing up across the state.

The Columbian Club turned over library service to the newly created Idaho State Library, which was established on April 1, 1901, by the Idaho Legislature. The State Library was charged with organizing new libraries and improving existing ones.

The name and mission of the State Library changed in 2006 when it became the Idaho Commission for Libraries, the state's library development agency.

The ICfL's current mission is to build the capacity of the more than 850 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Idaho to best serve their communities through: statewide programming and resources; consulting; continuing education; partnerships; and aid to underserved populations.

Libraries are much more than physical spaces and access to books. They are the hub of the community. Libraries provide a breadth of services, support, and connection for Idahoans of ages and abilities.

For more, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/about/history/>

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Photo Caption:

State Librarian Dylan Baker (left) accepts a proclamation from Governor Little (right) to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Idaho State Library / ICfL.