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E-Books Freely Available for Idaho Students

BOISE, Idaho – Idaho school districts have free access to the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA), a collection of more than 25,000 high-quality e-books and audiobooks geared for K-12 students.

There is no cost to Idaho’s schools or public libraries for the IDEA collection. IDEA is provided by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL).

IDEA contains high-interest, grade-appropriate titles that are available 24/7 – allowing learning to occur any time, any place. In addition to the thousands of titles in English, there are more than 900 Spanish titles, as well.

Students access IDEA at the school district level via the OverDrive Sora app. Authentication happens through the district’s Student Information System. OverDrive does not collect data or have students create accounts. Through the authentication process, student data is protected.

“We continue to work toward the goal of connecting all school districts in Idaho to the IDEA collection,” said ICfL E-Resources Library Consultant Marina Rose. “With school library budgets being so small, or even nonexistent, this free e-book collection geared for students is a valuable resource that we hope more school superintendents will take advantage of,” Rose added.

Students may also be able to access IDEA at their public library, and September is a great time to check out the library – it is library card sign-up month. Public libraries have special events and promotions in September to showcase what the library has to offer. Patrons can explore, engage, and even save money by borrowing instead of buying. Many libraries have a collection of “things” to check out, such as musical instruments, games, kits, cake pans, fishing poles, puzzles, sports equipment, and more. Whether someone is looking for fast, reliable internet, a meeting space, or their next great read, the library has it – and much more.

To learn about IDEA, visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea/>. To locate a public library in Idaho, visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/> and click on “find a library in Idaho.”

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