




# State of the State's Libraries and ICfL Update




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## Children's Program Attendance Idaho ranks #1 in the U.S. Up 16.73% over 5 years




East Bonner County Library Dist.  
storywalk



Donnelly Public Library District

Donnelly Public holds most of its programs outdoors because the capacity of the library building is 16.

State FY18 – per capita



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# Circ. of Children's Materials Idaho ranks #2 in the U.S.



Lemhi County District Library, Salmon



Meridian Library District

State FY18 – per capita



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# Program Attendance Idaho ranks #2 in the U.S. Up 32.6% over 5 years



Idaho Falls Public Library  
Princess Palooza



Glenns Ferry Public Library  
STEM Day

State FY18 – per capita



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2019 Gallup Poll:  
"Visiting the LIBRARY remains the most common cultural activity Americans engage in, by far . . . and exceeds their participation in eight other common leisure activities."



### 2019 Highlights -- Idaho Libraries

Meridian Library District won the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

College of Western Idaho -- Library received the 2019 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

Hailey Public Library celebrated 100 years and Caldwell Public Library launched a mobile maker space.



From DVDs and musical instruments, to cake pans, tools, and kayaks, libraries offer a wide range of things for check-out, along with the environment that encourages their patrons -- both young and young at heart -- to experience something new.

**FINE  
FREE  
2019**



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## Total Circulation of Physical Materials

15,957,722



State FY18

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## New ICfL Programs/Services:

**Countdown to Coding** -- offered in 25 Idaho libraries

**Summer Intern Grant** -- to cultivate a diverse group of interns who consider work in the library field as a viable career option

Donnelly Public Library



Intern  
Challis Public Library



## Kindergarten Readiness Grants

\$60,000 awarded to 7 libraries

**Increase** the amount of **early literacy** activities done in the **homes** of 4-year-olds

Establish **foundation** for children to be **ready to learn**, be **successful in school**, and be more likely to **"go on"** to post-secondary education



# School Mini-Grants Idaho Lottery Commission



\$30,000 awarded to  
12 elementary school  
libraries to purchase  
books



Central Elementary, Nampa

ICfL school library access grants help  
elementary school libraries provide  
current, age-appropriate

## books


for their students to  
read at school and to take home.

Plus, students and teachers respond very  
favorably to having access to quality,  
nonfiction books thanks to the grants.



**28%** of Idaho's public elementary school libraries receive **\$100** or less per year to **purchase new books**.

(In addition, **62%** have an annual book budget of \$1,000 or less.)




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The ICfL builds the capacity of Idaho's libraries to better serve their communities.

Public libraries often offer the **ONLY** source of free and reliable **internet access** in many Idaho communities.



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The ICfL offered library staff  
57 training events  
last fiscal year, attended by  
+1,400 individuals.



The ICfL supports  
college & career readiness  
with the LiLI databases,  
out-of-school STEM,  
summer reading, and  
Read to Me early literacy programs.

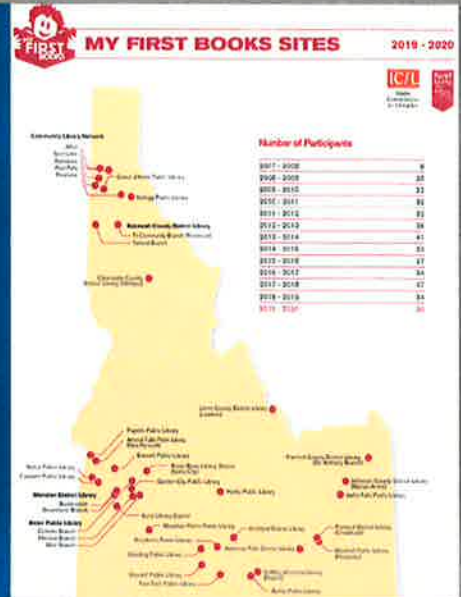
Students who do not continue reading over  
the summer can lose up to four months of  
academic progress.







has provided 417,000 books to more than 47,000 Idaho children



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free, equitable access to a wide range of online resources that support and enhance Idahoans' education, business, and recreational needs.




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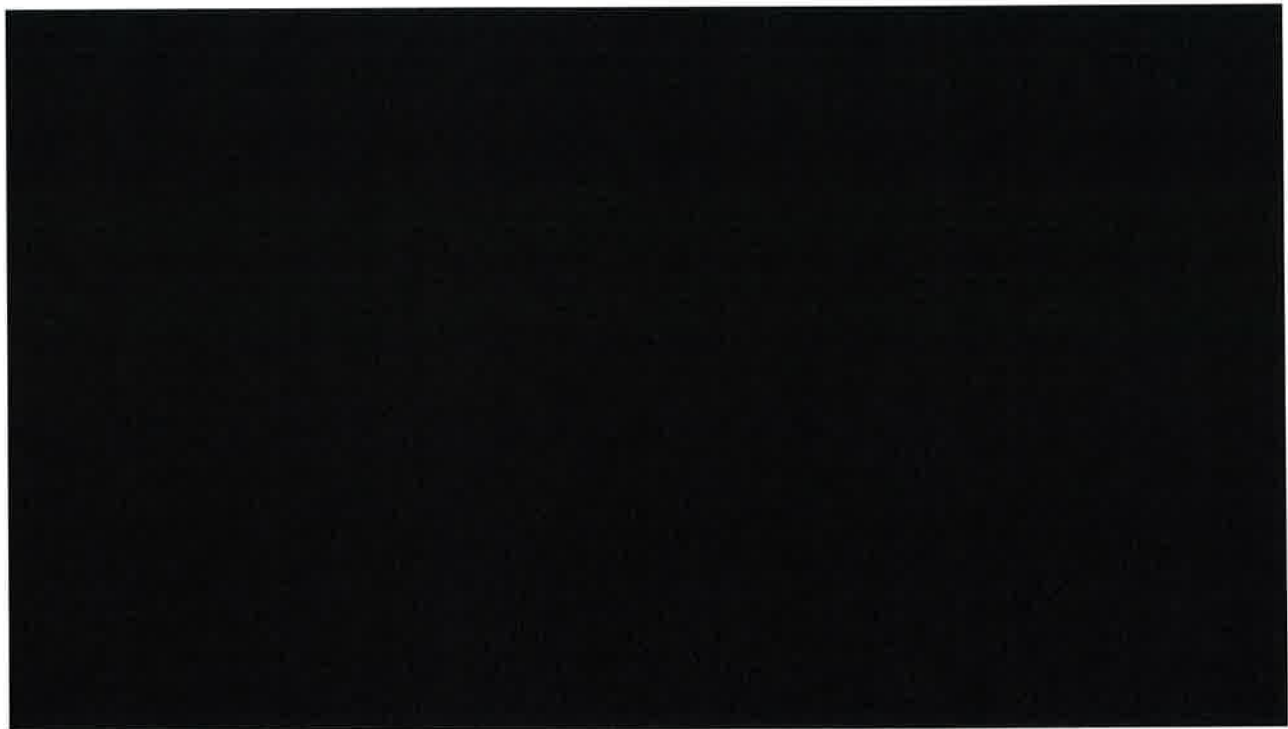
Internet access is a challenge in many Idaho communities and homes.

For many small and/or rural LIBRARIES in Idaho, internet speed ISN'T speedy at all.

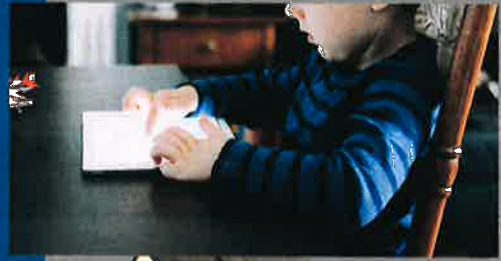
ICSL Idaho Commission for Libraries helps level the playing field for all Idahoans.



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More than a dozen Idaho libraries check out mobile hotspots to patrons who lack internet access at home.



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The ICfL is partnering with the State Board of Education, through a grant with the Lumina Foundation, to deliver outreach and support to prospective adult learners, particularly veterans, through public libraries.



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The Talking Book Service (TBS) provides +3,500 Idahoans who are visually impaired or physically unable to hold a book with access to 100,000+ audio and braille books and magazines.

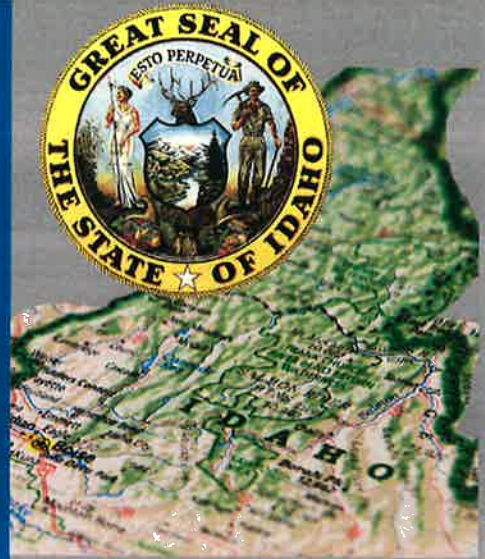
Last year, +163,000 items were processed and mailed to and from TBS patrons by the ICfL.



## Workforce Development



The ICfL partners with other State agencies, including the STEM Action Center, State Board of Education, the State Historical Society, the Idaho Lottery Commission, Idaho Humanities Council, and the Commission on the Arts.




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Idaho libraries are thriving and bringing great value to the communities they serve.



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On their own, few Idaho libraries have the resources to create the **depth** and **breadth** of programming they need.




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