

ILA Educational Media Division
Annual Report
Oct. 5, 2005

Activities:

- Annual recognition and a monetary award funded by Follett Library Resources for an Idaho school library media program is in development. The first award will be at the Fall 2006 ILA Conference.
- The chair has been contacted about trends across the state that include replacing certified librarians with classified staff; reduction of school- and district-level library personnel; and professional development days and dollars allowed only if the workshops are directly linked to standards and student achievement.
- Feb. 2005. The division chair lobbied the Idaho Senate Finance Committee on behalf of ISL's request for funding. ISL provides resources and training to the library aspect of school library professionals which is not met due to the educational mission of IDOE.
- May 2005. The division chair lobbied Idaho's four Congressmen in Washington, D.C. as part of ALA's National Legislative Day. The request was to increase federal funding of grants for school library programs at a level that makes funds more available to states such as Idaho.
- August 2005. The division chair participated in the 2020 Vision, Idaho Libraries Think Tank for public, academic, special and school libraries to unite in shaping a long-term, state-wide vision.
- Oct. 2005. Conference offerings include: "Working with Media/Public Relations," a panel led by Anne Abrams; "K-6 Information Literacy Standards" with Jody Kelley and "7-12 Information Literacy Standards," both speakers were recruited by conference leaders; and Educational Media Division Meeting with the division chair.

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