



IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES

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STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE ILA BOARD OCTOBER 2006

2020 VISION

- ▶ The Commission sponsored another 2020 Vision event in July, "Evolving Services for Digital Natives." Over 80 people attended to learn more about digital natives and how libraries need to change in order to reach them with our services. A DVD set of the speaker presentations is available now. The PowerPoint presentations and a summary of the small group work on services for digital natives will be on our website at www.lili.org/futures/ soon.
- ▶ The Board of Library Commissioners approved a new agency strategic plan for 2007 – 2010 that incorporates the 2020 Vision. The four strategic issues of the plan are:
 - How do Idaho libraries strategically position themselves to actively create and embrace the future?
 - How do Idaho libraries develop and sustain services valued by digital natives?
 - How do Idaho libraries create and promote a vital identity?
 - How do Idaho libraries sustain an infrastructure that provides services in an atmosphere of innovation and change?

FY2008 BUDGET REQUEST

- ▶ The Board of Library Commissioners approved a modest budget request for state fiscal year 2008 (7/07 – 6/08). The request includes funding for maintenance of current operations and \$209,000 to expand Read To Me, the statewide early literacy project for public libraries and their community partners. The additional funding would be directed toward increasing kindergarten readiness among at-risk children and maintaining or increasing reading skills for early elementary students during the summer months.

FEDERAL LIBRARY ISSUES

- ▶ Congress has not yet passed a federal FY2007 appropriations bill covering the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and isn't likely to until after the election. The President requested, and the House Appropriations Committee passed, an appropriation for LSTA State Programs of \$171.5 million. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed an appropriation of only \$165 million. The \$171.5 million level is needed to implement the new funding formula that will double the base award for all states and significantly increase Idaho's allotment. ALA estimates

that Idaho would receive about \$1,324,500 under the new formula, an increase of almost 10%, as opposed to \$1,207,000 under the current formula.

- Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) selected Idaho Senator Larry Craig and Ohio Senator Richard Durbin to receive its 2006 Public Service Award in recognition of their “efforts to safeguard privacy rights that were at risk in section 215 of the USA Patriot Act.” The award was presented during the 2006 Library Legislative Day reception in Washington, DC on May 2. ILA Legislative Committee Co-Chair Erin Hasler and I were present for the ceremony.

STATE DOCUMENTS DEPOSITORY

- The advisory group looking at improving public access to Idaho state publications issued its final report, [A Study and Recommendations on Idaho State Public Documents](#). The report describes the current conditions and identifies six strategic issues. The group’s recommendations include creating a digital repository and re-writing the statute to reflect the digital environment.
- Our next steps are dependent on the outcome of the Washington State Library National Digital Information Infrastructure Preservation Project proposal for a regional document repository. Although we are a partner in this proposal, we will pursue the recommendations whether or not the project goes forward.

GATES LIBRARY FOUNDATION

- We received \$38,620 to help sustain public access computing in rural libraries.
- We are continuing the Staying Connected project by offering workshops that support some of what we learned during the Digital Natives conference. We contracted with BCR to provide workshops in multiple locations on blogging, RSS, security in the real world, and tech support on the fly.

LILI UNLIMITED

- In July we began the fourth and last phase of implementing LiLI Unlimited, the statewide web catalog and ILL service. 137 libraries of all types are participating.
- Our focus will now turn to reviewing the funding formula for the cataloging portion of the contract, identifying ways for more small school and public libraries to join, and providing more training and marketing to support the project.

AGENCY NAME CHANGE

- Our name change to the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL) was effective July 1. The 2006 legislation also removed the Superintendent of Public Instruction as an ex officio member of the Board. The newly-named Board of Library Commissioners now consists of 5 citizen members. The primary rationale for the changes was to reflect our transition from a library to an agency whose mission is to help build the capacity of libraries to better serve their clientele.

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