



IDAHO STATE LIBRARY

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STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE ILA BOARD APRIL 2006

STATE LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

- ▶ The library community achieved a major success in obtaining ongoing state funding for LiLI Unlimited. \$300,000 (90% of our request) was added to funding for Public Schools Operations with intent language that earmarks a new total of \$650,000 for ongoing costs associated with the State Library's LiLI projects (Databases and Unlimited). HB846 has passed the House and was introduced in the Senate on March 29.
- ▶ The rest of the State Library's budget for FY2007 is covered in SB1487, introduced on March 29. It represents a 1% increase in state general account funding, plus \$115,500 in one-time dedicated funds for capital replacement expenditures.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING LIBRARIES

- ▶ SL staff member Jan Wall worked with ILA Legislative Advisor John Watts and ILA Legislative Committee co-chairs Erin Hasler and Cheri Rendler to monitor the plethora of property tax proposals discussed in this legislative session. Several of them would have significantly affected public library revenues; at this point in the session, it appears that none of those will become law this year.
- ▶ Legislation was initiated by the State Library Board to change the name of the agency and the name of the governing body, change the makeup of the governing body, update the list of powers and duties of the governing body, and remove obsolete language. HB684 has passed both houses without opposition and is awaiting the Governor's signature. The changes will be effective July 1, 2006.

FEDERAL LIBRARY ISSUES

- ▶ Idaho's FY2006 LSTA allotment is \$1,215,563, an increase of \$65,099 over FY2005. Funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the granting agency for LSTA funds, was one of very few Health, Human Services, and Education programs

that was not substantially reduced or eliminated in the 2006 budget. 2006 LSTA funds are available now for application through the State Library's "Just-in-Time" grant process. See [LSTA Grant Instructions](#) on the SL website.

- ▶ Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) has 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 will be presented during the Library Legislative Day reception in Washington, DC on May 2. Erin Hasler and I, as the Idaho contingent at Legislative Day, both plan to attend the reception.

PLANNING PROCESSES

- ▶ SL Management Team continues to work on a new agency strategic plan that addresses the results of the 2020 Vision futures process in the context of helping build the capacity of libraries (our mission). Draft strategic issues and goals will be on the agenda of the April 28 SL Board meeting.
- ▶ We convened an Idaho Public Documents Advisory Committee to make recommendations about the future of public access to public documents in Idaho. Working with an outside facilitator, the group first met in February. Three more meetings are scheduled, including one to receive the final report in mid-May.

2020 VISION

- ▶ The final report on the 2020 Vision futures process was distributed with the March/April issue of the State Library Newsletter.
- ▶ The SL is establishing the Special Projects Library Action Team to act in the "crows nest" capacity as recommended. See the [SPLAT application](#) on the State Library website.
- ▶ Kay Flowers and Glenna Rhodes are scheduled to facilitate discussions of how Idaho libraries can reach digital natives (one of the 2020 Vision strategic directions) at the Eastern and Southwestern ILA spring conferences respectively. The facilitator for the May Magic Valley conference is still under negotiation.
- ▶ Stephen Abram, Vice President for Innovation at Sirsi-Dynix, will be one of the presenters at the July 2020 Vision conference. The theme of that conference will also focus reaching digital natives.

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