



# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

## Boise Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 11:30 a.m. • Main Library, Marion Bingham Room, 715 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702

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# AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
2. **Communications**  
None
3. **Minutes-Action Item**  
April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting
4. **Consent Agenda-Action Item**  
All matters on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be approved in a single motion. A trustee may ask that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.
  - a. **Payment of Bills and Payroll**
  - b. **Financial Reports**  
Year-to-Date through March 31, 2023  
Gift Fund activity for March 2023
5. **Reports**
  - a. Friends of the Boise Public Library
  - b. Boise Public Library Foundation
  - c. Library Director including administration and management
6. **Education Item**
  - a. **FY23 Summer Reading**  
Staff will present to the Trustees an overview of the Boise Public Library 2023 Summer Reading Program.
  - b. **Collection Development**  
Tully Gerlach, Collection Development Librarian, will provide Trustees with an overview of the analysis of usage of the Library's collection.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Boise Public Library Policy Review:**  
**Section 5.00, Collection Development & Maintenance - Action Item**  
Technical Services Senior Manager Kathy Stalder will review section 5.00, Collection Development and Maintenance, of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual with the Trustees. Recommended changes to policy 5.01, Collection Development and Maintenance is included in the meeting packet. A motion to approve the recommended changes will be requested.

Recommended changes to regulation 5.01c, The Nature and Quality of Materials, is also included in the meeting packet. Regulation changes do not require the Board's approval and are included for information purposes only.

This continues the Library Board of Trustees annual policy review for Fiscal Year 2023 as stipulated by the Board's bylaws.

**b. Capital Projects Update**

Shawn Wilson, City of Boise Municipal Facility Program Senior Manager will share with Trustees updates to projects in and around the Main Library.

**8. New Business**

**a. FY23 Ada Community Library Annexation Compensation Agreement - Action Item**

Staff will review and submit to the Trustees for approval the FY23 Annexation Compensation Agreement between Ada Community Library and Boise City, which begins on page 23 of the meeting packet. This year, Boise Public Library owes Ada Community Library \$544,000.

Action: a motion to approve the FY23 Ada Community Library Annexation Compensation Agreement as presented and submit to City Council for final approval will be requested.

**9. Selection of Trustee to Review Payment Vouchers**

Trustee review for vouchers by Pantera.

**10. Selection of Meeting Date**

Next regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

**11. Adjourn**

*Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above notice meeting should contact the library administration office at 208-972-8258 no later than three working days before the scheduled meeting.*

# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Library Director's Report

### May 2023

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#### Operations

##### *Hours and Services Status*

All locations experienced normal operations during April without the need for adjustments to hours or services for any reason.

##### *Legislative Session Update*

On April 5, 2023 Governor Brad Little vetoed House Bill 314 and wrote a letter to legislators which outlined his objections to the bill. The Governor shared with legislators many of the same concerns the library community had with the bill. This included a belief the bill's ambiguity would lead to unintended consequences for libraries and library users and that it would result in a "library bounty system" that would be forced onto Idaho taxpayers or result in the closing of libraries to minors altogether. The Governor encouraged all Idahoans with questions about library materials to become familiar with local policies.

A copy of Governor Little's veto letter is included in the packet on page 5.

##### *City of Boise FY24 Budget Build*

The Library continues to engage in the City of Boise's FY24 Budget Build process. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Eric Bilimoria presented to the city council on the FY24 budget update with a focus on the financial forecast. Eric's presentation begins at the 28 minute mark. [Boise City Council - Work Session - YouTube](#)

In the June meeting, we will bring to the Board for approval the FY24 Budget for the Library. Additional information about the budget process is included in the packet on page 6.

##### *Strategic Planning Update*

Following the April Board of Trustee discussion, Library staff have used feedback from that discussion to further refine the Library's Strategic Framework. The updated framework will be used to create a draft of the plan for future review by the Board and is included in the packet on page 7.

##### *Board of Trustee Opening*

On April 17<sup>th</sup> the city opened a call for a Library Board of Trustee. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. [City Seeks Applicants for Library Board of Trustees | News | City of Boise](#)

#### Administration and Management Reports:

##### Programming

- The Main Library celebrated its [50<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) since moving into the [Salt Lake Hardware building](#). To celebrate, staff created an all-ages scavenger hunt throughout the building and a display (both digitally and physically posted) that exhibited photos from the 1973 opening year.
- In collaboration with Information Services, the Library's Mental Health Coordinator (MHC) held two "Coffee and Conversations" programs, encouraging community members to join staff over a cup of coffee to chat about resources and connect with each other.

- Library! at Bown Crossing hosted an Art and Craft Supply Swap, a Clothes Mending Workshop, and gave users the opportunity to meet an arborist for arbor day.
- BPL celebrated [Earth Day](#) in different ways, from new programs to highlighting materials about nature and sustainability.

### **El Día de los Niños (Children's Day/Book Day)**

BPL partnered with The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the City of Boise, and KISS FM to bring its first [Día de los Niños](#) event to Boise on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Cecil D. Andrus Park. Free to attend, Dia featured programming, entertainment, and resources highlighting the value and fun of reading. There was a tent with local celebrities reading kids' books by Latinx authors, Mayor McLean shared a proclamation, and food trucks. Exhibitors from over 20 non-profit organizations, businesses, and Treasure Valley libraries shared information and activities. [Wrestle Club](#) performed and a prize drawing was held; prizes included bicycles donated by [Boise Bicycle Project](#), tickets to Roaring Springs and Boise Music Festival, and assorted gift baskets.

### **Staff Development**

- The Library Public Services Senior Manager attended the [Library Journal's Safety summit](#), a conference centralizing on safety for staff and users in public libraries.
- Staff attended the training "Creativity and Connection: Engaging Older Adults through the Arts".
- Library Training Team hosted "Neuroscience of Customer Service", a training that taught how the brain influences customer relations.

### **Community Partners**

- Home-based services celebrated [National Outreach Day](#) at their monthly visit to the Dick Eardley Senior Center with Trustees and Director Dorr.
- Library staff organized a film screening and discussion in partnership with [Albertsons Library](#) on the "[Americans and the Holocaust](#)" traveling exhibit.
- Library! at Cole & Ustick hosted the American Red Cross Blood Drive.
- In celebration of Earth Day, [Boise Urban Garden School](#) and Library! at Cole & Ustick hosted an after-school program planting butterfly garden. Attendees took home pollinator friendly seeds.

### **Communications**

Monthly Email Newsletter: [April](#)

- Sent Tues, April 4th 3:57 PM, 8,560 successful deliveries
- Open Rate 57% (4,875) / Click Rate 2.7% (233)
- May – to be sent Monday, May 1 to 8,764 contacts

Ultimate Book Nerd Newsletter: [April](#)

- Sent Wed, April 19, 2023 5:00 PM, 631 contacts
- Open Rate 65.4% (409) / Click Rate 6.7% (42)

Social Media

- In April, we posted about the Main Library turning 50, reservable spaces at our branches, free comic book day, Earth Day, library appreciation, and Dia de los Ninos
- In May we'll be posting about: mental health awareness month, summer reading program, construction updates at the Main Library, digital resources, and monarch pledge



**BRAD LITTLE**  
GOVERNOR

April 5, 2023

The Honorable Mike Moyle  
Speaker of the House  
Idaho House of Representatives  
Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 314aaS

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:05 p.m. on March 31, 2023.

The ability to read is fundamental to a child's success. Many of our fondest memories as children are venturing down to our local library and immersing ourselves in the sea of books and knowledge. As Governor, I have made investing in literacy a priority, and our local and school libraries are a critical component of ensuring our Idaho kids have the resources they need to be successful readers and lifelong learners.

My main concern is that the bill's ambiguity will have unintended consequences for Idaho libraries and their patrons. This legislation makes sweeping, blanket assumptions on materials that could be determined as "harmful to minors" in a local library, and it will force one interpretation of that phrase onto all the patrons of the library. Allowing any parent, regardless of intention, to collect \$2,500 in automatic fines creates a library bounty system that will only increase the costs local libraries incur, particularly rural libraries. These costs will be forced onto property taxpayers of Idaho or cause the libraries to close to minors altogether.

I support the sponsors' intent of this bill to keep truly inappropriate materials out of the hands of minors. This is an effort I know everyone in the Idaho Legislature supports. However, I am also concerned that harmful content can be much more easily accessible to youth on their phones and the internet, not at their libraries. I encourage all Idahoans who have questions about any library materials to become familiar with the local policies of their duly elected library or school trustee board and engage directly with the officials who oversee them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

# FY24 BUDGET UPDATE

## Overview

Through its annual budget process, the Boise Public Library as part of the City of Boise builds a balanced budget. Through the process city departments work to ensure funding for the next fiscal year aligns with strategic priorities and provides impact to the community. The annual budget process does not reset the entire budget for the Library. Instead, the exercise ensures sufficient funds are available to support planned/ongoing costs, analyzes and adjusts costs for ongoing services, and resolves differences between anticipated revenues and expenses.

## Budget Milestones and Timeline

Date	Step
Feb 14	FY24 Budget discussions begin with department Level-set meeting
Apr 12	Library Board of Trustees overview of budget process timeline
April 10	<a href="#">Budget website</a> available for comments on community priorities
April 18	FY24 Preliminary Forecast to City Council at Work Session
May 23	City Council budget workshop #1
Jun 7	Library Board of Trustees reviews for approval Library budget for FY24
Jun 16	Budget Document Released
Jun 27	City Council budget workshop #2
Jul 11	Public Hearing on FY24 Budget
Aug 29	Budget Adoption
Oct 1	FY24 begins

## City Priorities

As the City’s Budget Office is leading the budget build process, it is considering the following themes as recommendations are developed:

- Responsiveness to community priority areas
  - Transportation
  - Housing
  - Public safety
- Fiscal responsibility
- Allowances for potential recession
- Response to growth and inflation
- Property tax relief

## Information to be included in the June FY24 budget discussion

- Budget Office General Guidelines
- Library Priorities and FY24 Requests
- Other General Fund Trends

<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b> Public-facing	<b>GOALS</b> Public-facing	<b>SUCCESS MEANS BOISEANS BENEFIT FROM...</b> Public-facing
<b>EXPAND ACCESS</b> Make our collections, programs, and services available when, where, and how people want them.	Ensure that every community member has access to library materials in a format that works for them. Create library spaces that are accessible and welcoming to all.	A robust digital and print collection and dynamic website that are responsive to community needs and reflective of diverse voices, beliefs, and interests. Equitable access to comfortable, safe, and sustainable libraries in convenient locations.
<b>INCREASE IMPACT</b> Create valuable experiences for every resident and meet their needs at every stage of life.	Increase the number of people who are aware of and benefit from the variety of services the Library provides. Elevate literacy and lifelong learning for Boise residents. Strengthen connections with community organizations.	A better understanding of how to access information, personal enrichment opportunities, and relevant community connections through the Library. A comprehensive approach to programs, activities, and technologies with defined learning outcomes for a variety of audiences. Additional resources and experiences made possible by collaboration, outreach, and partnerships.
<b>OPTIMIZE RESOURCES</b> Modernize, strengthen, and streamline our operational capabilities.	Modernize operations to more efficiently serve the community. Invest in a highly trained and well supported workforce.	Upgraded services informed by best practices in customer service, user experience, and library technology. Library staff with the relevant skills and knowledge to serve community members, backed by a strong support structure.
<b>MEASURE VALUE</b> Establish impact and performance metrics and use data for decision making.	Measure and communicate the impact of the Library on the Boise community. Collect, evaluate, and utilize community feedback.	Improved services based on data-driven decisions and a greater awareness of the Library's vital role in the community. Ongoing opportunities to participate in the Library's commitment to listen and learn from stakeholders and community members.



# Boise Public Library

## Policy Review May 10, 2023

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Policy items reviewed and presented are as follows:

SECTION 5.00, *Collection Development & Maintenance*

- Policy 5.01, Collection Development and Maintenance
  - Regulation 5.01a, Library Bill of Rights
  - Regulation 5.01b, Freedom to Read Statement
  - Regulation 5.01c, The Nature and Quality of Materials
- Policy 5.02, Exclusion of Materials
  - Regulation 5.02a, Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

*Staff Recommendations:*

Section 5.00, *Collection Development & Maintenance* of the Boise Public Library Policy Manual is presented to the Library Board for review. Recommended changes to Policy 5.01, Collection Development and Maintenance, are included. A motion to approve the recommended changes is requested. Regulation changes do not require Board approval and are provided for information purposed only.

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## COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the role of the Library's collection in the community and provide direction to staff members in their role as selectors. The Board endorses and incorporates as a part of this policy the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights (Exhibit 5.01a) and Freedom to Read Statement (Exhibit 5.01b).

The Board recognizes that the citizens of Boise possess widely diverse and separate interests, backgrounds, cultural heritages, social values and needs. This policy is designed to support the Library's mission and service priorities, within budgetary and space limitations, and serve the needs of all citizens of Boise regardless of age, sex, race, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political or social views. This policy is meant to document current collection management policy and further public understanding of the purpose, nature and philosophy behind the library's collection management practices. This policy ~~Since the Library's concern is the communication of ideas and the availability of materials for information, education and entertainment, these statements are extended for the purpose of this policy to~~ includes all material in any format.

The Collection Development staff will continually assess the collection using the associated board approved policies and regulations. Selectors choose popular materials for varying levels of entertainment, education, reading levels, age level interests, differing social/religious customs and languages. The collection offers users a variety of formats, viewpoints and subjects, which provide a framework for planning the content and nature of the Library's collection, for identifying the scope of the existing collection, and for developing plans for shaping a stronger collection.

Specifically, staff will acquire, make available, and encourage the use of materials in all media that:

1. help people know more about themselves and their world;
2. ~~supplement formal study and~~ encourage informal self-education;
3. meet the diverse informational needs and recreational interests of all people in the community;
4. stimulate thoughtful participation in the affairs of the community, the country, and the world;
5. give access to a variety of opinions on matters of current interest and encourage freedom of expression;
6. support educational, civic, and cultural activities within the community;
7. aid in learning and improving job-related skills; and
8. assist the individual to grow intellectually and enjoy life more fully.

There is no single standard which can be applied in all cases when making an acquisition decision. Each type of material will be considered in terms of its own kind of excellence and the audience for which it is intended. Some materials will be judged

primarily in terms of artistic merit, scholarship, or value as human documents; others will be selected to satisfy the recreational and entertainment needs of the community. Some materials evaluated are subject to widespread or local demand; items experiencing such demand may be added to the collection even though they do not meet the general and specific criteria routinely used by staff in making selection decisions.

The Board encourages public input on Library collections and invites Boise residents to make recommendations for purchases. Such recommendations will be given serious consideration by Library staff in accordance with the general and specific criteria used in making selection decisions. Due to budget considerations, the Library may add only one format of a title (e.g. a physical print book may be offered rather than a digital audiobook).

The Director or designee shall examine the collection regularly for the purpose of selection, assessment and retention of materials. The same criteria will be used in weeding materials from the collection as are used in their acquisition. The collection is not intended to be archival in nature. Worn, damaged, and outdated materials as well as unnecessary duplicate copies are weeded from the collection on a regular basis. Due to space limitations, materials may also be withdrawn if they are not used or are superseded by a new edition or a more authoritative work on the same subject. Items may also be deleted if a more desirable format has been added to the collection.

The ultimate responsibility for selection rests with the Director, who operates within the framework of this policy.

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## LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

*For more information about the **Library Bill of Rights** please visit the American Library Association (ALA) website at [ala.org](http://ala.org).*

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## FREEDOM TO READ STATEMENT

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack. Private groups and public authorities in various parts of the country are working to remove or limit access to reading materials, to censor content in schools, to label "controversial" views, to distribute lists of "objectionable" books or authors, and to purge libraries. These actions apparently rise from a view that our national tradition of free expression is no longer valid; that censorship and suppression are needed to counter threats to safety or national security, as well as to avoid the subversion of politics and the corruption of morals. We, as individuals devoted to reading and as librarians and publishers responsible for disseminating ideas, wish to assert the public interest in the preservation of the freedom to read.

Most attempts at suppression rest on a denial of the fundamental premise of democracy: that the ordinary individual, by exercising critical judgment, will select the good and reject the bad. We trust Americans to recognize propaganda and misinformation, and to make their own decisions about what they read and believe. We do not believe they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be "protected" against what others think may be bad for them. We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression.

These efforts at suppression are related to a larger pattern of pressures being brought against education, the press, art and images, films, broadcast media, and the Internet. The problem is not only one of actual censorship. The shadow of fear cast by these pressures leads, we suspect, to an even larger voluntary curtailment of expression by those who seek to avoid controversy or unwelcome scrutiny by government officials.

Such pressure toward conformity is perhaps natural to a time of accelerated change. And yet suppression is never more dangerous than in such a time of social tension. Freedom has given the United States the elasticity to endure strain. Freedom keeps open the path of novel and creative solutions, and enables change to come by choice. Every silencing of a heresy, every enforcement of an orthodoxy, diminishes the toughness and resilience of our society and leaves it the less able to deal with controversy and difference.

Now as always in our history, reading is among our greatest freedoms. The freedom to read and write is almost the only means for making generally available ideas or manners of expression that can initially command only a small audience. The written word is the natural medium for the new idea and the untried voice from which come the original contributions to social growth. It is essential to the extended discussion that serious

thought requires, and to the accumulation of knowledge and ideas into organized collections.

We believe that free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture. We believe that these pressures toward conformity present the danger of limiting the range and variety of inquiry and expression on which our democracy and our culture depend. We believe that every American community must jealously guard the freedom to publish and to circulate, in order to preserve its own freedom to read. We believe that publishers and librarians have a profound responsibility to give validity to that freedom to read by making it possible for the readers to choose freely from a variety of offerings.

The freedom to read is guaranteed by the Constitution. Those with faith in free people will stand firm on these constitutional guarantees of essential rights and will exercise the responsibilities that accompany these rights.

We therefore affirm these propositions:

1. *It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those that are unorthodox, unpopular, or considered dangerous by the majority.*

Creative thought is by definition new, and what is new is different. The bearer of every new thought is a rebel until that idea is refined and tested. Totalitarian systems attempt to maintain themselves in power by the ruthless suppression of any concept that challenges the established orthodoxy. The power of a democratic system to adapt to change is vastly strengthened by the freedom of its citizens to choose widely from among conflicting opinions offered freely to them. To stifle every nonconformist idea at birth would mark the end of the democratic process. Furthermore, only through the constant activity of weighing and selecting can the democratic mind attain the strength demanded by times like these. We need to know not only what we believe but why we believe it.

2. *Publishers, librarians, and booksellers do not need to endorse every idea or presentation they make available. It would conflict with the public interest for them to establish their own political, moral, or aesthetic views as a standard for determining what should be published or circulated.*

Publishers and librarians serve the educational process by helping to make available knowledge and ideas required for the growth of the mind and the increase of learning. They do not foster education by imposing as mentors the patterns of their own thought. The people should have the freedom to read and consider a broader range of ideas than those that may be held by any single librarian or publisher or government or church. It is wrong that what one can read should be confined to what another thinks proper.

3. *It is contrary to the public interest for publishers or librarians to bar access to writings on the basis of the personal history or political affiliations of the author.*

No art or literature can flourish if it is to be measured by the political views or private lives of its creators. No society of free people can flourish that draws up lists of writers to whom it will not listen, whatever they may have to say.

4. *There is no place in our society for efforts to coerce the taste of others, to confine adults to the reading matter deemed suitable for adolescents, or to inhibit the efforts of writers to achieve artistic expression.*

To some, much of modern expression is shocking. But is not much of life itself shocking? We cut off literature at the source if we prevent writers from dealing with the stuff of life. Parents and teachers have a responsibility to prepare the young to meet the diversity of experiences in life to which they will be exposed, as they have a responsibility to help them learn to think critically for themselves. These are affirmative responsibilities, not to be discharged simply by preventing them from reading works for which they are not yet prepared. In these matters values differ, and values cannot be legislated; nor can machinery be devised that will suit the demands of one group without limiting the freedom of others.

5. *It is not in the public interest to force a reader to accept the prejudgment of a label characterizing any expression or its author as subversive or dangerous.*

The ideal of labeling presupposes the existence of individuals or groups with wisdom to determine by authority what is good or bad for others. It presupposes that individuals must be directed in making up their minds about the ideas they examine. But Americans do not need others to do their thinking for them.

6. *It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people's freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large; and by the government whenever it seeks to reduce or deny public access to public information.*

It is inevitable in the give and take of the democratic process that the political, the moral, or the aesthetic concepts of an individual or group will occasionally collide with those of another individual or group. In a free society individuals are free to determine for themselves what they wish to read, and each group is free to determine what it will recommend to its freely associated members. But no group has the right to take the law into its own hands, and to impose its own concept of politics or morality upon other members of a democratic society. Freedom is no freedom if it is accorded only to the accepted and the inoffensive. Further, democratic societies are more safe, free, and creative when the free flow of public information is not restricted by governmental prerogative or self-censorship.

7. *It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians to give full meaning to the freedom to read by providing books that enrich the quality and diversity of thought and expression. By the exercise of this affirmative responsibility, they can demonstrate that the answer to a "bad" book is a good one, the answer to a "bad" idea is a good one.*

The freedom to read is of little consequence when the reader cannot obtain matter fit for that reader's purpose. What is needed is not only the absence of restraint, but the positive provision of opportunity for the people to read the best that has been thought and said. Books are the major channel by which the intellectual inheritance is handed down, and the principal means of its testing and growth. The defense of the freedom to read requires of all publishers and librarians the utmost of their faculties, and deserves of all Americans the fullest of their support.

We state these propositions neither lightly nor as easy generalizations. We here stake out a lofty claim for the value of the written word. We do so because we believe that it is possessed of enormous variety and usefulness, worthy of cherishing and keeping free. We realize that the application of these propositions may mean the dissemination of ideas and manners of expression that are repugnant to many persons. We do not state these propositions in the comfortable belief that what people read is unimportant. We believe rather that what people read is deeply important; that ideas can be dangerous; but that the suppression of ideas is fatal to a democratic society. Freedom itself is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours.

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This statement was originally issued in May of 1953 by the Westchester Conference of the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council, which in 1970 consolidated with the American Educational Publishers Institute to become the Association of American Publishers.

Adopted June 25, 1953, by the ALA Council and the AAP Freedom to Read Committee; amended January 28, 1972; January 16, 1991; July 12, 2000; June 30, 2004.

***For more information about the Freedom to Read Statement please visit the American Library Association (ALA) website at [ala.org](http://ala.org).***



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## THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF MATERIALS

To build a collection of merit and significance consistent with the Library's mission and strategic objectives, the Director or designee will evaluate materials against general and specific criteria; selections are made in accordance with one or more of these criteria:

### General Criteria

1. suitability of physical form for library use
2. suitability of subject and style for intended audience
3. present and potential relevance to community needs
4. appropriateness of medium to content
5. insight into human and social condition
6. importance as a document of the times
7. relation to existing collection and other material on subject
8. reputation and/or significance of author
9. skill, competence, and purpose of author
10. attention of critics, reviewers, and public
11. currency
12. affordability

### Specific Criteria for Works of Non-Fiction, Regardless of Format

1. scope and authority of subject matter
2. comprehensiveness and depth of treatment
3. objectivity
4. accuracy and logic of presentation
5. clarity of style
6. representation of challenging, though extreme or minority, point of view
7. scarcity of information in subject field
- 7.8. self-published materials are generally not added due to lack of editor oversight and fact checking

### Specific Criteria for Works of Fiction, Regardless of Format

1. representation of important movement, genre, trend, or national culture
2. vitality and originality
3. artistic presentation
4. sustained interest
5. effective characterization and/or a realistic portrayal of life
6. authenticity of historical or social setting
7. representation of diverse points of view
- 6.8. entertaining and imaginative appeal to the general-interest reader

Staff will also consider the adequacy and availability of materials in other community agencies when making selection decisions. To avoid unnecessary duplication of materials, established special collections that are available for public and/or professional

use (e.g., public universities; State Law Library, corporate libraries) will be considered the primary sources for academic and specialized materials. Library materials are selected for the general reader rather than the specialist.

Although the Library attempts to provide material on many subjects and grade levels, no attempt is made to match the collection to a particular curriculum. The provision of curriculum-related materials is generally the responsibility of the schools or homeschooling family. ~~But~~ the Library may provide materials that supplement and enrich the materials provided by the schools curriculum-related materials when community. ~~When patron~~ demand indicates the need for resources more curriculum-related materials for individual use by the public (as opposed to school classroom use). ~~;~~ Materials may be purchased to meet these needs to the extent funds allow without creating a collection imbalance in other areas.

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### EXCLUSION OF MATERIALS

The Library will review decisions regarding specific titles upon written request from a Boise resident. The Director or designee will provide a Request for Reconsideration form (Exhibit 5.02a) for this purpose.

When a completed Request for Reconsideration form (Exhibit 5.02a) is filed, the Library will begin its reconsideration process. This process consists of the following steps:

1. Staff will review the materials under consideration. The staff will communicate its decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days.
2. Should the patron not be satisfied with the staff's decision, patron can submit a written request for Director review. The Director will review the material in question in consultation with appropriate staff. The Director will communicate his or her decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days of receiving the request for Director review.
3. The patron may appeal the Director's decision to the Library Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board will be communicated to the patron and will be final.

In considering Requests for Reconsideration, staff, the Director and the Board will consider each work as a whole, and individual passages will not be treated out of context. Works will be assessed according to criteria specified in The Nature and Quality of Materials (Regulation 5.01c).

Boise Public Library is a member of the LYNX! Library Consortium, sharing and receiving materials from other member libraries. Boise Public Library only accepts Requests for Reconsideration from Boise City residents for materials owned by the Boise Public Library.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Boise Public Library is committed to providing materials in multiple formats for information, education, and entertainment. Specific titles in the Boise Public Library Collection will be reviewed upon written request from residents of Boise via a completed Request for Reconsideration form (Exhibit 5.02a) When a completed form is filed, the Library will begin its reconsideration process.

The reconsideration process consists of the following steps:

1. Staff will review the materials under consideration. The staff will communicate its decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days.
2. Should the patron not be satisfied with the staff's decision, the patron can submit a written request for Director review. The Director will review the material in question in consultation with appropriate staff. The Director will communicate his or her decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days of the request for Director review.
3. The patron may appeal the Director's decision to the Library Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board will be communicated to the patron and will be final.

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR/PERFORMER \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLISHER/COPYRIGHT DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM BARCODE \_\_\_\_\_

Request initiated by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

(continued on reverse)

Do you represent:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself  
\_\_\_\_\_ An Organization (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other group (name) \_\_\_\_\_

1. To what in the material do you object? Why do you object? (Please be specific; for example, cite pages and specific passages. Use additional sheet if necessary.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you read, view or listen to the entire work? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, what parts did you read, view or listen to? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you feel would be the result of reading, viewing, or listening to this material? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What parts of the work do you think are accurate and valuable? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you believe the theme of this work to be? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you aware of judgments of this work by professional critics? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. For what age group would you recommend this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What action are you requesting the library take in regard to this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing this form I understand that I am making a formal complaint to the Boise Public Library about an item available for checkout. I acknowledge that this document will become a public record as soon as it is received by Library staff. I understand that to complete the process I must follow the above-mentioned steps in the timeline stated.

## MAIN LIBRARY MRM & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT STATUS REPORT

<b>Project Start Date:</b>	<b>Summer 2022</b>	<b>Estimated Finish Date:</b>	<b>Winter 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Renovations)</b>
<b>Project Manager:</b>	<b>Lindsay Erb</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Library</b>

**PROJECT STATUS:**

<b>Period Covered:</b>	April 2023
<b>Project Summary</b>	After a condition assessment evaluation completed in the of summer 2020 it was found that there a numerous major repair and maintenance items that need to be addressed to give the Main Library another 10+ years of life, along with space reconfigurations to better serve the public.
<b>Bid Package Updates</b>	<p><u>Roofing</u> – Contract approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction start mid-May 2023</li> </ul> <p><u>Stairwell Railing</u> – On Pause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Pause until FY24 due to budget constraints</li> </ul> <p><u>Auto sorter</u> – Design Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMP set for 5/2 council meeting</li> <li>• Construction start early May 2023</li> <li>• Delivery for the auto sorter is scheduled for 6/13</li> </ul> <p><u>Music Room Demo &amp; Abatement</u> – Design complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMP set for 5/2 council meeting</li> <li>• Work to begin after auto sorter room renovations, construction start anticipated for early June 2023</li> </ul> <p><u>Restroom renovations for four story portions, plumbing line replacement &amp; fire pump replacement</u> – Design Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bid opening 5/18</li> <li>• Construction start anticipated for June 2023</li> <li>• ATS staff impacted by the restroom renovations on first floor – Noise and schedule being coordinated with team</li> </ul> <p><u>4<sup>th</sup> Floor Renovations</u> – Design Complete</p> <p>Includes new ATS area, breakroom, IT space, Friends storage, maintenance office, Youth Services storage &amp; new mechanical HVAC system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidding anticipated for August 2023</li> <li>• Construction estimated to begin in October 2023 with FY 24 funding</li> </ul> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> floor Renovations</u> – Design paused</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept design completed</li> <li>• Schematic design has been paused until the other packages are under contract</li> </ul> <p><u>Misc. projects:</u></p>

	<p><i>Parking lot repairs:</i> architect is putting together a recommended repair package. The City is determining if we should begin work this summer or push to next summer.</p> <p><i>Main Stairwell Reflooring:</i> quotes received, need to confirm abatement efforts if any</p> <p><i>Brick/ window repairs:</i> mortar testing completed, to be evaluated in summer timeframe.</p>
<b>Overall Project Health</b>	<p><u>Summary:</u>                  Initial estimates are significantly higher than budgeted. An analysis is underway. We've had to cut back on scope of work for this fiscal year to stay within budget.</p>
<b>Highlights</b>	<p>Design has been completed for all packages except for 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovations. Bids have been received for the auto sorter, restrooms/ plumbing, fire pump and storage room demo and the GMP is scheduled for the 5/2 council meeting. Construction will be starting in May for the roofing work and auto sorter room renovations.</p>

**PROJECT COMPONENTS:**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Scope</b>		
<b>Budget</b>		Estimates for the 4 <sup>th</sup> floor work are significantly higher than estimated so we're focusing on the highest priority items such as the restrooms, plumbing and fire pump replacement this fiscal year. Estimates for future phases have been generated to inform the FY24 budget request.
<b>Schedule</b>		Design has taken longer than anticipated but is now complete. In regard to our budget, we know what items we can complete this fiscal year and what will have to wait until FY 24 now that all estimates have been received.
<b>Risks</b>		Construction market challenges, including finding multiple bidders and pricing.
<b>Resources</b>		

**SCOPE MANAGEMENT:**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Accomplished</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design completed for 4<sup>th</sup> floor work</li> <li>• GMP received for early demo/ abatement package on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and auto sorter renovations</li> <li>• Preliminary estimates generated</li> <li>• Near and long-term site circulation planning complete</li> </ul>
<b>Planned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMP for auto sorter, storage room wall demo/ abatement and general conditions set for 5/2 council meeting</li> <li>• Construction to begin for roofing renovations and auto sorter room renovations in May</li> <li>• Start up schematic design for 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovations</li> </ul>



# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

## MEMO

**TO:** Boise Public Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Kari Davis  
**DATE:** 5/5/2023  
**RE:** FY23 Renewal Lending Service/Annexation Compensation Agreement with Ada County Free Library District

### BACKGROUND:

Since 1994, the Boise Public Library has reimbursed the Ada County Free Library District (the "District") for revenue lost due to City annexation of previously unincorporated county land. By agreement, the payment amount has been set at \$544,000.

The FY23 payment will facilitate provision of library service by the District to Boiseans. The payment and contract provide reciprocal borrowing privileges for all Boise residents at the following District library branch locations: Victory, Lake Hazel, Hidden Springs, and Star.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Library's Fiscal Year 2023 M & O budget contains an approved line item for the Ada Community Library lending service/annexation compensation payment for the flat fee amount determined in negotiations with the library district. No additional funding is required.

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# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Jessica Dorr

March 23, 2023

Mary DeWalt, Director  
Ada Community Library  
10664 W. Victory  
Boise, ID 83709  
E-mail: [mdewalt@adalib.org](mailto:mdewalt@adalib.org)

**DELIVERY VIA E-MAIL**

Re: FY 2023 Renewal Letter of Agreement: Lending Service/Annexation Compensation

Dear Ms. DeWalt,

On June 2, 2020, FY20 Lending Service/Annexation Compensation Agreement ("Agreement") was made between the Boise Public Library ("BPL") and the Ada County Free Library District dba Ada Community Library ("ACL"). The Agreement served to facilitate compensation from BPL to ACL for library lending services provided to BPL patrons from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Section 3a of the Agreement permits renewal upon subsequent written agreement of the parties. On June 8, 2021, the Agreement was renewed through mutual execution of the FY21 Renewal Letter of Agreement, and on June 14, 2022, the Agreement was renewed through mutual execution of the FY22 Renewal Letter of Agreement.

BPL wishes to again renew the Agreement through mutual execution of this FY23 Renewal Letter of Agreement ("FY23 Renewal") for an additional one (1) year term for the purpose of facilitating compensation to ACL for library lending services provided to BPL patrons from the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The FY23 Renewal will be effective on the date for party signature below that is last in time and will cause all of the terms and provisions of the Agreement to remain in full force and effect with the only modification being of the dates therein as necessary to fulfill the purpose of this FY23 Renewal. Subject to approval of this FY23 Renewal by the Board of Trustees for each party and Boise City Council, BPL will make payment in the amount of \$544,000 (five hundred forty-four thousand dollars) to ACL by June 30, 2023.

If ACL wishes to renew according to these terms, please have a duly authorized signatory execute this FY23 Renewal and return to BPL for further execution.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Very truly yours,

Jessica Dorr  
Director, Boise Public Library

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BPL and ACL have executed this FY23 Renewal Letter of Agreement as of the date for party signature below that is last in time.

**ADA COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Approved by action of the Board of Trustees of the Ada County Free Library District dba Ada Community Library on April 18, 2023.

 4/18/23

Carol Mills, Chair  
ACL Board of Trustees

Date

**BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Approved by action of the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and sent with a recommendation for approval to the Boise City Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Klene, President  
BPL Board of Trustees

Date

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Boise City, Idaho this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

APPROVED by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lauren McLean, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynda Lowry, City Clerk

Date



# BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM STATISTICS REPORT March 2023

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Year This Month</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>This Year To Date</u>	<u>Last Year To Date</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b><u>CIRCULATION/Books</u></b>						
Adult	47,286	48,026	-1.54	259,914	266,257	-2.38
Young Adult	5,653	6,360	-11.12	30,687	35,432	-13.39
Juvenile	65,172	64,787	0.59	351,687	349,814	0.54
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>118,111</b>	<b>119,173</b>	<b>-0.89</b>	<b>642,288</b>	<b>651,503</b>	<b>-1.41</b>

<b><u>CIRCULATION /Audio Visual</u></b>						
Adult	18,914	21,623	-12.53	104,208	122,849	-15.17
Young Adult	1,052	972	8.23	5,583	5,664	-1.43
Juvenile	5,724	6,133	-6.67	31,392	34,524	-9.07
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>25,690</b>	<b>28,728</b>	<b>-10.58</b>	<b>141,183</b>	<b>163,037</b>	<b>-13.40</b>

<b><u>CIRCULATION/Digital</u></b>						
eAudio	32,182	26,272	22.50	177,623	146,409	21.32
eBooks	27,040	22,938	17.88	148,212	134,641	10.08
eVideo	307	361	-14.96	2,139	1,844	16.00
eMusic	71	45	57.78	381	234	62.82
eMagazine	3,135	2,775	12.97	18,012	17,660	1.99
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>62,735</b>	<b>52,391</b>	<b>19.74</b>	<b>346,367</b>	<b>300,788</b>	<b>15.15</b>
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>206,536</b>	<b>200,292</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>1,129,838</b>	<b>1,115,328</b>	<b>1.30</b>

<b><u>CIRCULATION SUMMARY</u></b>						
Main Library	66,848	66,782	0.10	367,788	366,816	0.26
Collister	12,956	13,249	-2.21	69,527	75,612	-8.05
Hillcrest	9,720	9,629	0.95	50,002	54,259	-7.85
Cole & Ustick (C&U)	25,582	26,640	-3.97	137,470	143,005	-3.87
Bown	25,913	29,201	-11.26	143,271	160,892	-10.95
Home Service	2,782	2,400	15.92	15,413	13,956	10.44
Digital Collection	62,735	52,391	19.74	346,367	300,788	15.15
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>206,536</b>	<b>200,292</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>1,129,838</b>	<b>1,115,328</b>	<b>1.30</b>

<b><u>PATRON COUNT</u></b>						
Main Library	28,173	22,181	27.01	145,634	114,659	27.01
Collister	5,919	5,067	16.81	30,450	26,311	15.73
Hillcrest	5,843	4,696	24.43	29,213	23,089	26.52
Cole & Ustick	10,492	8,026	30.73	54,421	39,630	37.32
Bown	10,408	7,236	43.84	53,009	38,783	36.68
<b>TOTAL PATRON COUNT</b>	<b>60,835</b>	<b>47,206</b>	<b>28.87</b>	<b>312,727</b>	<b>242,472</b>	<b>28.97</b>

<b><u>POLARIS CATALOG</u></b>						
System External Use Counts	250,541	251,324	-0.31	1,413,376	1,647,081	-14.19
Main Internal Use Counts	39,145	34,223	14.38	206,386	181,798	13.52
Collister Internal Use Counts	2,327	1,788	30.15	10,974	9,840	11.52
Hillcrest Internal Use Counts	2,558	2,228	14.81	13,202	10,713	23.23
C&U Internal Use Counts	6,637	5,580	18.94	35,957	29,020	23.90
Bown Internal Use Counts	4,738	4,271	10.93	25,147	22,494	11.79

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Year This Month</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>This Year To Date</u>	<u>Last Year To Date</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b><u>NEW CARDS ISSUED*</u></b>						
Resident	1,045	831	25.75	5,313	4,279	24.16
Non-Resident	1	5	-80.00	24	40	-40.00
Internet Only	1	1	0.00	1	8	-87.50
<b>TOTAL CARDS ISSUED</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>25.09</b>	<b>5,338</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>23.36</b>

<b><u>INTERLIBRARY LOANS</u></b>						
Out-of-State	101	77	31.17	625	375	66.67
In-State	70	37	89.19	353	225	56.89

<b><u>INTERLIBRARY BORROWING</u></b>						
Out-of-State	103	233	-55.79	490	1,380	-64.49
In-State	28	78	-64.10	154	410	-62.44

<b><u>REFERENCE SUMMARY</u></b>						
Main Adult Desk	1,637	1,285	27.39	7,708	6,719	14.72
Main Adult Telephone	654	603	8.46	3,516	3,851	-8.70
Main Adult Electronic	125	119	5.04	586	700	-16.29
<b>Sub Total Adult Reference</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>20.38</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>11,270</b>	<b>4.79</b>

Main Youth Desk	957	704	35.94	5,239	3,099	69.05
Main Youth Telephone	17	22	-22.73	107	115	-6.96
Main Youth Electronic	0	1	-100.00	14	8	75.00
<b>Sub Total Youth Reference</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>33.98</b>	<b>5,360</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>66.36</b>

Information Desk						
Readers Advisory	3	15	-80.00	8	39	-79.49
Directional/Informational	488	2,086	-76.61	4,330	11,512	-62.39
<b>Sub Total Information Desk</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>-76.63</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>11,551</b>	<b>-62.44</b>

Collister Desk	1,487	1,173	26.77	7,958	5,451	45.99
Collister Phone	156	131	19.08	783	836	-6.34
<b>Sub Total Collister Reference</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>8,741</b>	<b>6,287</b>	<b>39.03</b>

Hillcrest Desk	586	404	45.05	2,753	2,386	15.38
Hillcrest Phone	125	109	14.68	622	587	5.96
<b>Sub Total Hillcrest Reference</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>38.60</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>13.52</b>

Cole & Ustick Desk	1,282	669	91.63	7,667	4,126	85.82
Cole & Ustick Phone	125	106	17.92	1,019	675	50.96
<b>Sub Total C&amp;U Reference</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>81.55</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>80.92</b>

Bown Desk	710	665	6.77	3,758	3,148	19.38
Bown Phone	35	144	-75.69	197	671	-70.64
<b>Sub Total Bown Reference</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>-7.91</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>3.56</b>
<b>TOTAL REFERENCE</b>	<b>8,387</b>	<b>8,236</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>46,265</b>	<b>43,923</b>	<b>5.33</b>

**MEETING ROOM USE SUMMARY**

**Programs**

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Year This Month</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>This Year To Date</u>	<u>Last Year To Date</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Main Adult Programs	20	8	150.00	75	22	240.91
Main Youth Programs	85	34	150.00	430	170	152.94
Main Community Programs	128	95	34.74	592	442	33.94
<b>Sub Total Main</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>70.07</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>73.03</b>
Collister Adult Programs	14	1	1300.00	54	9	500.00
Collister Youth Programs	43	21	104.76	209	87	140.23
Collister Community Programs	101	61	65.57	496	249	99.20
<b>Sub Total Collister</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90.36</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>120.00</b>
Hillcrest Adult Programs	22	6	266.67	86	14	514.29
Hillcrest Youth Programs	29	13	123.08	143	56	155.36
Hillcrest Community Programs	133	64	107.81	615	293	109.90
<b>Sub Total Hillcrest</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>121.69</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>132.51</b>
C&U Adult Programs	14	8	75.00	58	21	176.19
C&U Youth Programs	41	28	46.43	200	128	56.25
C&U Community Programs	131	39	235.90	619	184	236.41
<b>Sub Total Cole &amp; Ustick</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>148.00</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>163.36</b>
Bown Adult Programs	14	1	1300.00	66	6	1000.00
Bown Youth Programs	52	19	173.68	248	61	306.56
Bown Community Programs	99	0	100.00	424	0	100.00
<b>Sub Total Bown</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>725.00</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1001.49</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>132.66</b>	<b>4,315</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>147.70</b>

**Program Attendance**

Main Adult Attendance	303	281	7.83	918	563	63.06
Main Youth Attendance	2,634	744	254.03	13,584	3,080	341.04
Main Comm Attendance	892	758	17.68	5,323	3,722	43.01
<b>Sub Total Main</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>114.75</b>	<b>19,825</b>	<b>7,365</b>	<b>169.18</b>
Collister Adult Attendance	258	4	6350.00	485	315	53.97
Collister Youth Attendance	2,866	1,950	46.97	7,878	8,036	-1.97
Collister Comm Attendance	387	113	242.48	1,958	565	246.55
<b>Sub Total Collister</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>69.86</b>	<b>10,321</b>	<b>8,916</b>	<b>15.76</b>
Hillcrest Adult Attendance	302	60	403.33	875	79	1007.59
Hillcrest Youth Attendance	949	291	226.12	2,294	2,153	6.55
Hillcrest Comm Attendance	800	187	327.81	3,312	981	237.61
<b>Sub Total Hillcrest</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>281.23</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>101.71</b>
C&U Adult Attendance	258	30	760.00	449	75	498.67
C&U Youth Attendance	1,446	1,285	12.53	6,773	5,633	20.24
C&U Comm Attendance	1,095	483	126.71	5,239	2,003	161.56
<b>Sub Total Cole &amp; Ustick</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>55.67</b>	<b>12,461</b>	<b>7,711</b>	<b>61.60</b>
Bown Adult Attendance	142	50	184.00	587	137	328.47
Bown Youth Attendance	2,187	601	263.89	7,555	3,117	142.38
Bown Comm Attendance	401	0	100.00	2,177	0	100.00
<b>Sub Total Bown</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>319.35</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>217.12</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>6,837</b>	<b>118.22</b>	<b>59,407</b>	<b>30,459</b>	<b>95.04</b>

## BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY RECIPROCAL BORROWING STATISTICS March 2023

Items checked out at BPL by consortium members' patrons.

	Percent of				Percent of			
	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>CHECKOUTS</b>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Change</u>
Ada Community	3,526	1.71	2,501	40.98	16,632	1.47	14,390	15.58
Caldwell	445	0.22	216	106.02	1,640	0.15	1,194	37.35
Eagle	895	0.43	1,073	-16.59	3,645	0.32	5,351	-31.88
Emmett	3	0.00	62	-95.16	176	0.02	230	-23.48
Garden City	1,165	0.56	1,025	13.66	6,171	0.55	6,765	-8.78
Hailey	2	0.00	0	100.00	76	0.01	198	-61.62
Kuna	382	0.18	361	5.82	1,983	0.18	1,287	54.08
Meridian	3,158	1.53	2,363	33.64	16,281	1.44	12,594	29.28
Mountain Home	261	0.13	183	42.62	1,499	0.13	1,092	37.27
Nampa	644	0.31	640	0.63	3,355	0.30	3,596	-6.70
Twin Falls	7	0.00	12	-41.67	119	0.01	186	-36.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,488</b>	<b>5.08</b>	<b>8,436</b>	<b>24.32</b>	<b>51,577</b>	<b>4.56</b>	<b>46,883</b>	<b>10.01</b>

Total BPL Circulation	206,536	200,292	1,129,837	1,115,328
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Items checked out at consortium member locations by BPL patrons.

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CHECKOUTS</b>		<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Ada Community	10,407	10,396	55,529	55,388
Caldwell	265	107	1,177	804
Eagle	7,355	6,815	38,390	34,816
Emmett	77	40	147	401
Garden City	9,035	8,281	45,630	44,913
Hailey	7	3	11	9
Kuna	147	289	860	1,252
Meridian	7,873	6,962	39,853	40,060
Mountain Home	14	13	44	63
Nampa	902	704	3,939	3,901
Twin Falls	9	3	51	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,091</b>	<b>33,613</b>	<b>185,631</b>	<b>181,627</b>