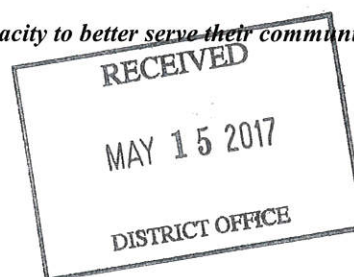


The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their communities.



Minidoka County Joint School District #331
310 10th Street
Rupert ID 83350

Dear Superintendent:

Congratulations! The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) is pleased to announce that Rupert Elementary has been approved for a School Library Access (SLA) Mini-Grant award in the amount of \$5,000. The award will be made in the name of your school district. All grantees are strongly encouraged to attend a one-day, face-to-face workshop (“Supporting Beginning Readers”) in their region this August:

August 1, 2017: Coeur d’Alene Public Library – Main Branch 8:15-4:30

Register at: <https://elementary-school-library-training-2017-cda.eventbrite.com>

August 8, 2017: Boise Public Library at Bown Crossing 8:15-4:30

Register at: <https://elementary-school-library-training-2017-boise.eventbrite.com>

August 10, 2017: Idaho Falls Public Library 8:15-4:30

Register at: <https://elementary-school-library-training-2017-idfalls.eventbrite.com>

Please ensure the appropriate school staff members have registered for this workshop by **May 30, 2017**. (Agenda attached.)

It is best to send the school staff member(s) who will primarily implement and be in charge of this grant. At the workshop, the grantees will receive the complete award package for the SLA Mini-Grant which will include:

- the grant agreement;
- a copy of the grant application submitted by the school (for your records); and
- guidance on implementation, reporting and record-keeping requirements.

After the workshop, please review, complete and return the grant agreement, signed by all required parties, to ICfL via mail by September 1, 2017. Once a signed grant agreement is received, your grant funds will be disbursed electronically through the State of Idaho vendor system.

Please take a few minutes to visit and bookmark the School Library Access Mini-Grant page on our website found at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/school-access-mini-grants>. This page contains the interim and final grant report forms, as well as vetted non-fiction book lists, a previously recorded webinar specific to this grant and lots more! Future correspondence regarding grant requirements will primarily come via email. Please add the contacts listed below to your district’s “safe sender” list and keep us updated with changes to your contact info and to staff involved in this grant to ensure the appropriate parties receive all future correspondence.

We look forward to working with you during the upcoming school year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact School Library Consultant Jeannie Standal at (208) 639-4139, or jeannie.standal@libraries.idaho.gov or Read to Me Project Coordinator Kristina Taylor, at (208) 639-4136 or kristina.taylor@libraries.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Joslin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ann Joslin, State Librarian
AJ/js

Supporting Beginning Readers: A Workshop for Idaho Elementary School Library Staff

Sponsored by Read To Me, a program of the Idaho Commission for Libraries

This training is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Agenda:

8:15am: Registration opens for 2017-2018 School Library Access & Summer Access Grant Recipients

8:30am: Business meeting for 2017-2018 grant recipients

9:00am: Registration opens for everyone

9:30am: Workshop begins: Welcome & Introductions

- Morning topics: Literacy Development
- Best Practices in the School Library
- Informational Text, Nonfiction, Common Core Supporting Materials

Noon: Working lunch (meal provided)

1:00pm: Afternoon topics:

- Weeding the Collection
- Motivating Children to Read
- Novelist K-8
- Summer Learning Loss
- Read to Me and Idaho Commission for Libraries Support

4:15: Wrap up.

4:30: End