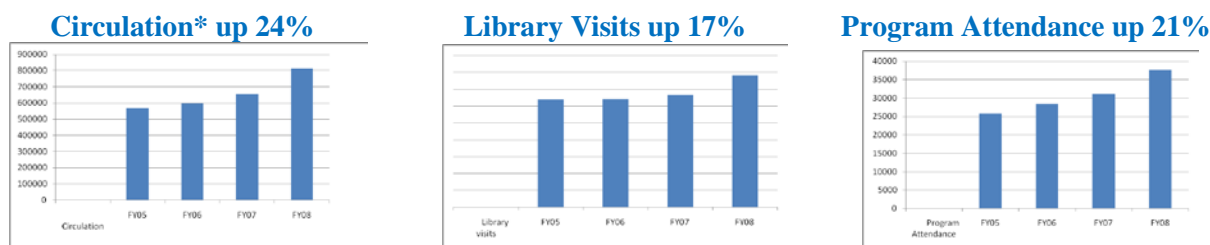


## HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2010

Ada Community Library patrons in growing areas will have convenient access to quality services. Library usage continues to increase all over as we continue to make a difference in peoples' lives!



\*Annual circulation is on track to reach 900,000 in 2009

The FY10 budget includes funds to better meet the needs of a growing population through more locations and capacity building. Our goal is that a library, or at least an express pick up/return site, would be within 3-5 miles of every Ada Community Library taxpayer to ensure convenient access to all we offer.

**Patrons will continue to enjoy personalized assistance from a sufficient number of friendly, helpful, well-trained staff in all service areas through four accessible library locations**

We strive to offer high quality reference and reader's advisory services, circulation assistance, developmentally appropriate and stimulating programming for all ages. We work to reach those underserved or unable to visit the library. We offer friendly staff readily available to assist library users in finding answers, obtaining needed materials, accessing technological resources, enjoying quality program experiences and meeting other people/families in libraries that are close to home. In order to accommodate the opening of a **fourth** location cost effectively, we plan a shift of many staff from the Main library to the new branch and hiring apx. 2 FTE. Staff will be supported with this budget.

**Patrons will have access to quality resources in both print and digital formats with content accessible from home/school/office. We continue to offer a wide variety of books and media while incorporating emerging technologies into library service**

The proposed budget ensures that in addition to a great selection of books for all ages, a variety of other materials (e.g. popular DVDs, music, audio books, magazines, large print materials, CD-ROMs/video games) are also readily available to our community through **four** locations. The budget accounts for costs associated with bandwidth, equipment and electronic resources to meet growing computing needs district-wide. Savings from prior fiscal years are assisting with improvement costs for the new facility.

**\$1,276,000 is budgeted for carry-over into FY10 to ensure service from Oct. 2009 through Jan 2010**

The library district does not receive major tax monies until the end of January of each year. This enables us to keep the library open/provide services in those months before the money is received. Funds in this line will also cover initial expenditures for **fourth** location.

**At all times, but especially during challenging times, public libraries provide vital, cost effective, services to families, help prepare a workforce, and bolster the economy. Paying tax to support library service is a solid investment, paying dividends to individuals while building community. A library card is the smartest card in any wallet. Our goal is for everyone to own/use a library card! Here's an example: \$70 year (tax support) might buy: 3 hardcover books, 23 video rentals, 8 private children's art/music classes, or perhaps 2 tickets to a concert... OR it can provide essentially unlimited year-round access to a wide variety of educational and recreational resources: books, magazines and newspapers, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs, games, computer resources, and all ages programming!**

**The Budget Hearing is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, immediately following the monthly Board Meeting, at the Headquarters Library at 10664 W. Victory, Boise, ID. All citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information on the budget or any other topic, please call the Director, Mary DeWalt, at 362-0181, x123.**

**IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU; WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS & COMMENTS**