

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2011

### **Even with an overall 14% decrease in revenue for FY2011...**

**Ada Community Library patrons in growing areas will have convenient access to quality services:**

*Library usage continues to increase as we continue to make a difference in peoples' lives. The FY11 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.*

***A new Lake Hazel Branch (corner of Lake Hazel & Five Mile) will open early 2011!!***

**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. The FY11 personnel budget experiences just a 3% decrease amid an overall 14% budget decrease:**

*We strive to offer high quality reference and reader's advisory services, circulation assistance, developmentally appropriate and stimulating programming for all ages. 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 expected February, 2011 **opening of a fourth location** cost effectively, we plan a **shift of many staff** from the Victory library to the Lake Hazel branch and adjust open hours between the two facilities. **A pay freeze will also be initiated this year.***

**Patrons will have access to quality resources in print and digital formats with content accessible from home/office. We continue to offer a wide variety of books, media and high speed Internet/WiFi service even with decreases in collection and equipment budgets:**

*Staff will work hard to ensure that, even within a decreased budget, a great selection of books for all ages, variety of other materials (e.g. DVDs, music, audio books, magazines, large print materials, CD-ROM/video games), and sufficient public access computers are readily available through **four** locations.*

**\$1,480,000 is budgeted for carry-over into FY11 to open the new Lake Hazel Branch and ensure uninterrupted regular library services from Oct. 2010 through Jan 2011:**

*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.*

**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!**

*For example: **\$70 year** (tax support) might **buy**: 3 hardcover books, **or** 23 video rentals, **or** 8 private children's art/music classes, **or** 2 tickets to a concert...**OR** it provides 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm, immediately following the monthly Board Meeting, at the Victory Branch 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.**

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