

HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2017

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

ACL continues to make a difference in peoples' lives. The FY17 budget includes funds to maintain, and enhance as possible, the collections, programs and services our public has come to expect.

Patrons will continue to enjoy personalized assistance and all ages programming from a sufficient number of friendly, helpful, well-trained staff in all service areas through four accessible library locations and community outreach venues. The FY17 personnel budget includes the following:

Staff are our greatest asset. We strive to offer high quality reference and reader's advisory services, circulation assistance, and developmentally appropriate, high quality programming for all ages. Our friendly staff are 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. The budget accounts for significant increases in insurance costs as well as adjustments to personnel wages and opportunities for training and development.

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 a new "experience" collection. High speed Internet/WiFi service are also a priority, including circulating hot spots:

The collection and equipment budgets for FY17 have been increased. Staff will continue to work hard to offer a great selection of books for all ages, a variety of other materials in various formats (e.g. DVDs, music, audio books, magazines, large print materials, video games). We are increasing digital content to meet demand, and will ensure that sufficient public access computers with adequate bandwidth and other technologies are readily available through all locations. Internet hot spots will circulate this year. The budget covers RFID materials processing to increase convenience and access.

\$882,000 is budgeted for carry-over into FY17 to ensure uninterrupted regular library services from Oct. 2016 through Jan 2017:

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.

Public libraries provide vital, cost effective, recreational and educational services to residents. Libraries help prepare children for school, assist in workforce development 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 and use a library card!

*For example: \$70 year (tax support) might buy 3 hardcover books, **or** 35 video or game rentals, **or** 7 private children's art/music classes, **or** 7 months of online subscription to evideos/ebooks/audiobooks, **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, ebooks/audiobooks, and all ages programming! We hope to increase the number of cardholders/library users in the coming year.*

The Budget Hearing is Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 pm, immediately following the monthly Board Meeting, at the Lake Hazel Branch Library at 10489 W. Lake Hazel, 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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