

HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2012

Even with another 8% decrease in revenue for FY12 (after -14% in FY11)...

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

ACL continues to make a difference in peoples' lives. The FY12 budget includes funds to maintain collections, programs and services our public has come to expect.

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 FY12 personnel budget experiences just a slight 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 accomplish this within budget reductions, **the pay freeze initiated in FY11 will be continued 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 all locations.

\$940,000 is budgeted for carry-over into FY13 to ensure uninterrupted regular library services from Oct. 2012 through Jan 2013:

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! 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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