

“MY CHILD, MY BOOKS” PARENT-INVOLVEMENT LIBRARY BILL

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OVERVIEW WE'RE IN DIRE STRAITS!

Our libraries are in trouble, and, therefore, so are our kids, and their parents!

“Thank you so much for all you are doing, Carolyn! We recently went to the library, and my 12-year-old son picked a book from the cart for the summer reading teen prize. We read a section in the book that was, frankly, shocking and very unsettling. We did not take the book after all. It is very sad what is being pushed upon our kids! Thank you for helping to keep them safe. You are doing a wonderful work, and we are praying for you!”

Natasha Stringam
Concerned Mother
July 19, 2023

When reading volumes of these types of parents’ stories about how the libraries are “mistreating” our children, it is apparent that traditional community values are being challenged as never before. This is largely due to heated debates over the place critical social justice and radical gender ideologies hold in public school instruction and books and materials in the State’s libraries.

“More than 50 public schools and community libraries across the State of Idaho currently make obscene materials available to minor children.”

“Pornography in Public Schools and Libraries” Report
Blaine Conzatti, President
Idaho Family Policy Center
February 27, 2023

When writing this Report, the Idaho Family Policy Center researchers scoured dozens of school and public library catalogues, looking for five commonly available titles that fall under the umbrella of “obscene” for children and teenagers:

- “Gender Queer: A Memoir” by Maia Kobabe
- “Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic” by Alison Bechdel
- “All Boys Aren’t Blue” by George M. Johnson
- “It’s Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health” by Robie Harris (10+)
- “Dreaming in Cuban: A Novel” by Cristina Garcia

Please see Attachment I for a list of those counties and 50 public-school and community libraries within the State of Idaho that were found, via this Report, to have these obscene books housed within their walls.

After Governor Little vetoed HB314, the “Children’s School and Library Protection Act”, in his April 5, 2023, veto letter to Speaker of the House Mike Moyle, he suggested the following to the parents:

“I am concerned that harmful content can be much more easily accessible to youth on their phones and the Internet, not at their libraries. I encourage all Idahoans who have questions about any library materials to become familiar with the local policies of their duly elected library or school trustee board and engage directly with the officials who oversee them.”

Governor Brad Little

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Taking the Governor’s advice, a multitude of parent-led movements throughout the State is gaining momentum and achieving sustainable support, on their own. With the veto of HB314, more and more parents now know it is up to them, not the Governor, nor the legislature, to save the kids from the ravages of the books that **do reside** in our public-school and community libraries.

The more the parents have “become familiar with local policies of their elected officials...and engage directly with them”, the more they see they have no rights in how these books are selected, and ultimately purchased.

The result: concerned parents want to know **why** they are not part of the decision-making of the materials/books that end up on the States libraries’ shelves, for their children to view.

The Answer:

The proposed “My Child, My Books” Legislative Bill, which would supplement any larger library bill that may enter the fray in the 2024 Legislative session, is the answer. This parents’ rights Bill gives the parents the long overdue opportunity to be part of the “go/no-go” decision on the **purchase** of books and materials BEFORE these resources are acquired and ultimately inhabited on the shelves in the State’s public-school and community libraries.

This proposed Bill is a two-pronged approach to improving the public schools and community/public libraries in the State of Idaho. The legislation addresses two extremely important proposed changes of direction in the current State public-schools and community libraries’ systems:

PROPOSAL 1 - Parental Inclusion in the Selection of Minor-Children Books and Materials

PROPOSAL 2 - Election (not Appointment) of Libraries’ Boards of Trustees Members

PROPOSAL 1 - “MY CHILD, MY BOOKS” LEGISLATIVE BILL PARENTAL INCLUSION IN THE SELECTION OF BOOKS/MATERIALS FOR MINORS

This portion of the Bill gives the parents an opportunity to be included in the selection, and reconsideration, of resources for any minor (“person less than eighteen [18] years of age,” Section 18-1524 Idaho State Code) at public schools and community/public libraries. The parents will also be involved in the re-evaluation (weeding), replicating, and repairing of materials, as well as oversight over the accepting/processing of gifted materials intended for minors.

Why should parents be involved? They are the stakeholders.

Public Schools – ¹In the last few years, teachers unions (National Educators Association [NEA], American Federation of Teachers [AFT]), librarians associations (American Library Association [ALA]), and publishers (Macmillan Publishers, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Random House) have formed coalitions to stop parents from removing sexually explicit books from school libraries, a substantial and pervasive market, to line their pocketbooks.

¹ Salai, Sean; The Washington Times; “Teacher unions, school librarians unite to protect sexually explicit books”; <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/may/12/teacher-unions-school-librarians-unite-protect-sex/>

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This under-handed financial and political power effort against our children has reached the State of Idaho. Giving parents, via the “My Child, My Books” Bill, the opportunity to actually read minor books (a rarity in the current system), as they come through the acquisition stage, will give “yay” or “nay” rights to purchase a book, or not: a right that is long overdue. Giving parents their just position in the book-purchasing process will help to ward off the extreme overreach by the unions, library and librarians’ associations, and publishers, which is inundating our public-school book procurement process.

Case in point: Recently, the above NEA, which is the country’s largest teachers’ union, included Maia Kobabe’s graphic memoir, “Gender Queer”, in its suggested summer reading program. This book includes sexual language and explicit photos of boys having sex and has become ***the most banned book in America***.

At the present time, most public school boards delegate authority for the selection of books to the superintendent, who, in turn, assigns that responsibility to the principals of each school. Principals can then entrust that responsibility to the school librarian. There are no designated parents who help in the actual **selection** of materials at their public-school libraries. The “My Child, My Books” program will help to rectify this problem in the State’s public schools.

Community Libraries – According to the ²**American Library Association**, “the library decision-makers are the ultimate determination for minors as to...

- *appropriateness of age and level of the user, consideration of how a collection reflects diversity of ideas and authors, as well as being reflective of the community the library services.*

Further...

“The Library Directors are ultimately in charge of what gets ordered for the library, and they delegate the responsibility to others (librarians) who are deemed to be properly trained or have the knowledge to order materials.

The public is the driving force behind why public library collections exist, as selectors attempt to have a diverse, balanced collection of titles that appeal to the entire community.

However, the public does not do the actual selecting, beyond making suggestions.”

Noell Boc, Director, Peabody Institute Library

Questions asked by the parents:

1. **“Why** don’t we “help with the actual selecting of materials for libraries”? If the public is the “driving force” behind why public library collections exist, see above, why aren’t we also among the “selectors” of the minors’ books, for our kids, as well?”
2. “What does a “title”, above, tell? All the books should be read in order to determine appropriateness. A ‘balanced collection of titles that appeal to the entire community’ may, or may not, be appropriate for the children of a certain community.”

Unions’ Involvement:

² American Library Association; “Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit Criteria”; <https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/selectionpolicytoolkit/criteria>; viewed 06.28.23.

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The ALA, like many national organizations, has long been “captured” by the Left’s unions. It postures as a champion of free-speech rights. However, in fact, it trains its members to charge any who attempt to question obscene materials with censorship and unconstitutional infringement of free speech.

³ “In 2022, professionals working in education, training, and library occupations had the highest unionization rate for any professional occupation group.”

⁴ “From 2004 to 2016, these professionals’ donations grew from \$4.3 million to more than \$32 million -- an all-time high.”

Current Material Rating Systems are Corrupt

One-sided, Leftist, book-rating systems keep “bad” books in the libraries throughout the State of Idaho.

According to the American Library Association, most public-school and municipal libraries currently utilize the following rating systems:

- *The New York Times* Book Review – *The New York Times* prioritized ideology over historical accuracy by claiming the United States was founded in 1619 by slaves.
- *Booklist* – This rating system for public libraries and school libraries is the counterpart to *Booklist* magazine, published by the American Library Association.
- *Goodreads* – This American social rating system is a subsidiary of Amazon.

⁵ “Amazon rejected a shareholder resolution designed to encourage a diverse balance of thought on the tech giant’s left-leaning board of directors at today’s annual meeting of Amazon investors held in Seattle, Washington.”

- *We Need Diverse Books* – The *We Need Diverse Books* program entitled, “*Books Save Lives*”

⁶ “...employs a three-pronged strategy to directly address book bans and champion diverse titles. We will raise awareness, provide resources, and create positive change, all while supporting the educators, authors, and children most affected by the bans.”

- *Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Best Books for Young Adults* – a division of the American Library Association.
- *Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Notable Children’s Books* – a division of the American Library Association.

³ Department for Professional Employees; “Library Professionals – Facts and Figures”; <https://www.dpeaficio.org/factsheets/library-professionals-facts-and-figures>; viewed 06.28.23 .

⁴ Open Secrets; “Following the Money in Politics”; <https://www.opensecrets.org/industries/indus>; viewed 06.28.23.

⁵ Danhof, Justin, Esq.; “National Center for Public Policy Research”; “Amazon Rejects Diversity – Far-Left Board Votes to Remain Liberal Enclave”;

⁶ <https://diversebooks.org/programs/bookssavelives-2/>

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Parents’ participation in the minor-book selection phase of library books acquisition, via the “My Child, My Books” legislation, will add a varied direction to the decisions made by the above-itemized, existing left-wing review and rating systems. Such parent-led reviewing/rating sources as the following parent-led systems will add objective insights into the current one-sided book-review/rating system:

- Utah Parents United – UPU’s LaVerna in the Library’s Facebook page is a community of concerned parents who share ideas and strategies to protect their children. It also highlights sexually explicit books that have been found in school libraries. UPU also sponsors “RatedBooks.org”, a searchable website that has catalogued the rated reports of over 300 books that are commonly found in public school libraries.

“Children are more successful when their parents are involved and engaged in their lives and their education. We monitor state and local legislation and promote legislation that supports parents in their role of parenting and speak against legislation that undermines parents in policy and education.

Utah Parents United
www.utahparentsunited.org

- BookLooks.org – Located in Broward County, Florida, this parent-led group **reads every minor book**, from cover to cover. This book-rating system was developed to provide a means of assessing the appropriateness of a book for a child or young adult, based on the content of the book and taken as whole. The ratings are based solely on content that has been legally and statutorily categorized as explicit, offensive, or obscene, similar to what is done for other media ratings, such as motion pictures, television, and video games.

“We make no money and seek no recognition in our efforts. We believe ‘sunlight’ is the best disinfectant, and parents should have the information at their disposal to make informed decisions about the content their children consume.

BookLooks.org
www.booklooks.org

Actions Now Being Taken To Help Our Kids:

Positive actions for our kids, by their parents, pro-family organizations, and children’s-right--supported legislators, are now taking place in Idaho and surrounding states:

Wyoming Campbell County Library – In July, 2021, Wyoming parents went before the Campbell County Wyoming Library Board to ask that pornographic books “just be moved from the children’s and teen’s section to a different section.” **The Board ignored the parents.** After **two years**, on July 19, 2023, crafted by a top pro-family legal group, the “Wyoming Library Board passed a strong policy entitled, ‘Collection Development Policy’ to keep obscene books OUT!” With the passage of the new policy, the pornographic books for children and teenagers they had placed in the library are now on their way out! Additionally, on July 28, 2023, the now-conservative Campbell County, Wyoming, Library Board fired their Library Director over her refusal to remove pornographic books from the children’s and teen sections of the Library.

Idaho Falls Public Library – On February 27, 2023, Carolyn Harrison, Co-Founder of Idaho Falls-based

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Parents Against Bad Books, read the subject Idaho Family Policy Center Report entitled, “Pornography in Public Schools and Libraries: a statewide problem”. When she found all five of the obscene books, which were the basis of the statewide Report, located at the Idaho Falls Public Library, she and a cohort from Parents Against Bad Books, went to the March 27th Library Board meeting to ask them why the obscene books were located in the Library. Similar to the Wyoming experience, after four board meetings and a multitude of concerned parents reporting their individual stories of the, now **53**, “bad” books found for their children at the Library. **The Board ignored the parents.** Parents Against Bad Books is now sending 21 completed Request for Reconsideration of Materials forms (See Attachment III) to the Idaho Falls Public Library Director, with the remaining 32 to be completed in the near future.

Montana State Library – On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Montana State Library withdrew from the American Library Association (ALA): “The Constitution Forbids Association with an Organization Led by a Marxist!” The Commission cited ALA President Emily Drabinski’s public affirmation of her Marxist beliefs as one of the concerns with ALA. The Montana parents were outraged!

Idaho Freedom Caucus – On Monday, July 17, 2023, the Idaho Freedom Caucus, along with a group of 13 Idaho Legislators, called on the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) to sever ties with the American Library Association. The statement makes a powerful case for the necessity of the ICfL to withdraw its membership from the ALA by exposing the organization’s Marxist leader, ideological strategic plans, and defense of sexually explicit books for kids in its public/community libraries.

An “Opening” to Devious Behavior

It cannot be emphasized enough that the introduction of obscene and sexually explicit pornography is a gateway to sexual grooming, sexual abuse, and sex trafficking.

“Exposure to pornography harms children and youth by normalizing sexual violence, creating unrealistic expectations for intimate partners and relationships, and increased risk of addiction and sex trafficking.”
American Bar Association

⁷Early exposure (by age 14) to pornography and other explicit material...

- “normalizes” the idea of “sexy” kids;
- disrupts normal childhood development;
- warps kids’ attitudes about sex;
- changes sexual behavior and increases sexual violence in users;
- spreads to, and harms, other children; and
- results in risky sexual behavior in emerging adulthood.

“MY CHILD, MY BOOKS” – A FOUR-PHASE APPROACH TO SAVING OUR CHILDREN

Phase I – FY2024 (July 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025)

⁷ Cross, Carolyn C., M.D., M.P.H.; *Psychology Today*; “Overexposed and Under-Prepared: The Effects of Early Exposure to Sexual Content.

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How will parents be chosen to assist in the acquisition of minor books throughout the State of Idaho’s public-school and community library facilities?

Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) – Board Appointment/Parents Chosen

Board Appointed – It is recommended that an Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) be appointed by existing, long-standing, and reliable entities within the State who are ready, willing, and able, to help make the transition from all-library personnel making decisions for books for minors, to parents’ involvement in this current very subjective, one-sided books’ decision-making structure.

The ultimate goal is to make this change as simple and seamless as possible, for all concerned and associated parties. To that end, it is advised by Parents Against Bad Books that this group be a pro-family, impartial, passionate-for-the-kids’-rights, assembly of individuals who are able to make unbiased decisions in selecting appropriate parents to represent the children in the State of Idaho’s public school and community/public libraries’ acquisition of minor books.

To sustain this effort, it is suggested that the IPLB participants be composed of the following:

- IPLB Members – Parents Against Bad Books suggests that the IPLB shall consist of an odd-numbered, five-member count, so decisions made during the Board’s deliberations will always outcome a result in a decision, rather than a tie. The Board shall also comprise a wide range of expertise and proficiency from an assortment of governmental, library, pro-family, and legal groups from around the State. Below is the recommended make-up of the IPLB:
 - *One (1) member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
 - *One (1) member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Idaho Commission of Libraries, with its community-based library representation;
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Idaho Family Policy Center, to extend its family-policy approach to the team; and
 - One (1) member shall be appointed by the Idaho Attorney General’s Office to guide the group’s interpretation of library-related laws.
- Executive Director

An Executive Director shall be elected by the IPLB members, above, and will sit at the helm of the Board, steer it, manage its operations, and guide its mission, according to the strategic direction set out by the Board.

**Parents Against Bad Books believes that with 13 of the Idaho Freedom Caucus Senate and House members signing a letter reflecting “significant concerns” about the election of the American Library Association’s next president, because of her involvement in exposing children to explicit materials and sexuality into publicly funded libraries, the State of Idaho’s President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House will have a wide range of appropriate Senators and House members from which to choose to fill these Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) statewide parent library positions.*

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- IPLB Duties and Obligations
 - The IPLB shall select 50 parents from the State of Idaho who will be involved in the decision-making for the minor books in the 50 subject libraries, which are the foundation for this Bill. (See Attachment I “State of Idaho Public Schools and Community Libraries with ‘Obscene’ Books/Materials”)
 - The IPLB will conduct yearly research reports looking for “obscene” books in additional libraries throughout the State of Idaho; if other libraries are found to “house” these books, IPLB will take the appropriate steps to select parents to be a part of these libraries’ book acquisition teams.
 - (See Attachment II – “Timeline”)
 - The IPLB will hear library disputes from the subject libraries pertaining to discrepancies in minor-book/materials selections and shall have the right to override decisions, if they deem appropriate.

Suggested Criteria for Parental Selection:

Parents Chosen – After the IPLB Board is appointed, it will choose parents throughout the State of Idaho to participate in, and represent, the parents in those 50 public schools and community libraries that, according to the aforementioned Idaho Family Policy Center Report, currently make obscene materials available to minor children.

Parents chosen to assist in the decision-making for the books for minors shall adhere to the criteria determined by the IPLB, as well as the suggestions from Parents Against Bad Books, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Will objectively apply the U. S. Supreme Court’s three-pronged Miller Test for determining whether speech or expression is “obscene” for minors;
- Have the high-level literacy mastery and aptitude to read all the minor books and collect, write, and cite detailed book-content reviews centered around any objectionable content, including profanity, nudity, and sexual content and produce a sound “go/no-go” decision before the books are purchased for minors;
- Have the strength, stamina, and forward-thinking capacity to assist in any revisions and improvements of the State’s libraries’ Materials Selection and Collection Development Policies, where needed, which will ultimately force obscenity and pornography out of all the State’s respective public-school and municipal-library systems;
- Have, or have had, a student, or students, enrolled in a public, private, or home-school education system for at least one year during their lifetime; and
- Have the past experience, character, and ability to work productively with the General Manager, Library Director, Library Board of Trustees, as well as the professional librarians, and library staff of each public-school and community library in the State of Idaho. The goal: to expeditiously bring the best, and most appropriate, books and materials to the State’s minor-age children.

How many Parents Represented per Library?

Phase I and Phase II call for fifty (50) parents to be chosen: one from each of those libraries located in the Idaho Family Policy Center Report (Attachment I) that have been found to currently make obscene materials

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available to minor children. Phase III and Phase IV will add libraries, if more libraries reflect further inappropriate books located within other public-school and community libraries in the State of Idaho.

Timeframe for Bill Passage

Phase I projects the Bill to pass during the 2024 Legislative Session, with the commencement of activities on July 1, 2024. Please see Attachments II (“Timeline”) and Attachment III (“Assumption-of-Costs Chart”), respectively, for a projected long-term timeframe and cost projections, going forward.

What will be the Idaho Library Parents’ Board Selection Process?

Parents against Bad Books recommends the following actions be taken during the parents’ selection process, which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- **Job Announcement – Statewide Promotions by State of Idaho;**
- **State of Idaho Employment Application sent by the Idaho Parents’ Library Board to all interested parties;**
- **Employment Applications reviewed;**
- **Short-list of applicants;**
- **Personal interviews;**
- **Final decisions;**
- **Notifications and Job Offer; and**
- **Integration of parents into public-school and municipal libraries’ “Minor Books and Materials’ Acquisition Teams”.**

How Much Will this Program Cost? “You Get What You Pay For”

The idiom “you get what you pay for” is absolutely applicable to this program. Board members and parent participants are being asked to contribute an inordinate amount of time and effort to their individual positions. Constantly seeking volunteers, with their exceedingly high turnover rates, will threaten the program’s operational efficiency. Giving these individuals a concrete monetary incentive throughout the program will keep them focused and on task, as well as cultivating pride and self-worth in their specific activities.

- **IPLB Board Member Salary – Sixteen Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$16K)/year/Board member.**
- **Parent Salary Per Library – Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10K)/year/parent.**
- **Travel Expenses – Bi-annual trips for all ILPB members to northern, central, and southern library locations to introduce parents (on initial preparatory trip) and discuss the respective areas’ libraries’ specific needs, expectations, and project actions and timelines.**

For details, please see Attachment IV “Assumption-of-Costs Chart” for broken-down program costs:

- Phase I (FY2024)
- Phase II (FY2025)
- Phase III (FY2026)
- Phase IV (FY2027)
- **Go/No-Go Decision – At the end of this first-phase, a second-phase possibility will be presented to the legislature in FY2025 to decide “yay” or “nay” on whether to continue the effort, or not.**

Phase II – FY2025 – Test Case

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Parent-Launch Transition – Bi-Annual Trips by IPBL to Fifty (50) Libraries

- Parent-Launch Transition - IPLB will coordinate the transition of parents into the minor-book acquisition processes currently existing at the above-mentioned 50 public-school and community libraries already cited in the “Pornography in Public Schools and Libraries” Report.
- Two Bi-Annual Idaho Area Trips – IPLB will coordinate bi-annual trips to Northern Idaho, Central Idaho, and Southern Idaho locations to coordinate the parent-launch transition and meet with libraries in the areas to discuss the respective areas’ libraries’ specific needs, expectations, and project actions and timelines.
- Go/No-Go Decision – At the end of this second-phase test case, a third-phase possibility will be presented to the legislature in FY2026 to decide “yay” or “nay” on whether to continue the effort.

Phase III – FY2026

More Libraries to be Chosen, if Appropriate

- Libraries with “Bad Books” – Phase III calls for IPLB to author a report that demonstrates those additional libraries throughout the State of Idaho that may house “bad” books. Additional parents will be chosen, if appropriate.
- Parent-Launch Transition – If appropriate, IPLB will coordinate the transition of more parents into those libraries to have proven cases of “obscene” books located in their facilities.
- Two Bi-Annual Idaho Area Trips – IPLB will coordinate bi-annual trips to Northern Idaho, Central Idaho, and Southern Idaho locations to coordinate the parent-launch transition and meet with libraries in the areas to discuss the respective areas’ libraries’ specific needs, expectations, and project actions and timelines.
- Go/No-Go Decision – At the end of this third-phase, a fourth-phase possibility will be presented to the legislature in FY2026 to decide “yay” or “nay” on whether to continue the effort, or not.

Phase IV – FY2027

More Libraries to be Chosen, if Appropriate

- Libraries with “Bad Books” – Phase IV calls for IPLB to author a report that demonstrates those libraries throughout the State of Idaho who may house “bad” books. Additional parents will be supplied, if appropriate.
- Parent-Launch Transition – If appropriate, IPLB will coordinate the transition of more parents into those libraries that have proven cases of “obscene” books located in their facilities.
- Bi-Annual Idaho Area Trips – IPLB will coordinate bi-annual trips to Northern Idaho, Central Idaho, and Southern Idaho locations to coordinate the parent-launch transition and meet with libraries in

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the areas to discuss the respective areas’ libraries’ specific needs, expectations, and project actions and timelines.

- Go/No-Go Decision – At the end of this fourth-phase, a permanent program will be presented to the legislature in FY2027 to decide “yay” or “nay” on whether to continue the effort on a permanent basis, or not.

PROPOSAL 2

“MY CHILD, MY BOOKS” LEGISLATIVE BILL ELECTION (NOT APPOINTMENT) OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Currently, Title 33, Chapter 26, of the Idaho Code provides for “public libraries” to allow cities to establish tax-supported libraries. Their boards are chosen by the mayor and/or city manager, with terms of office for five years. Title 33, Chapter 27, of the Idaho Code provides for “library districts” to allow boards to be elected by the district voters, with terms of office for six years. This Bill eliminates Chapter 26 and provides for the integration of “public libraries” into Chapter 27 to allow “public libraries” to also be elected by the electorate.

Issues arise at Idaho’s community/public libraries when the libraries’ boards of trustees are not elected by the people, but appointed by politicians: At the Idaho Falls Public Library, for example, the mayor has appointed each Board of Trustee member for a total of 16 years per Board member.

Election by the constituency, rather than appointment by an outside political source, puts control back in the hands of the people. This ensures that citizens have input, thus avoiding the possibility of politicization of the library board. Giving the people the opportunity to vote for these positions, will also encourage larger voter turn-out and an increase in impartiality, neutrality, and fairness.

WHY WILL THIS TWO-PRONGED BILL PASS?

HB314 Library Bill Supplement – HB314 was an extremely popular Bill, which protected children from accessing obscene materials at taxpayer-funded public schools and community libraries.

“My Child, My Books” Bill, with its parental-rights segment, together with its election of library boards of trustees, will **complement** any possible new legislative bill, which may come to the fore in the 2024 Legislative Session.

Parental Involvement Wins Every Time! – In a Virginia gubernatorial debate on September 29, 2021, against Republican opponent Glenn Youngkin, Democratic nominee and former Governor Terry McAuliffe, declared, “I don’t think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.”

On January 15, 2022, Glenn Youngkin grabbed the Governorship from McAuliffe and was elected Governor of Virginia, the first change in political parties since 2009.

What brought about this epic transformation? The **parents** of Virginia: Yes, the parents of Virginia were incensed by the negative comments about parents, which Mr. McAuliffe spewed forth, and elected the following conservative candidates, who abolished Covid masks and believed school choice deserved a

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chance:

- Governor Glenn Youngkin, when he said, “No more masks” and “I’m one-hundred-percent for school choice.”, then proved it.
- Winsome Sears agreed wholeheartedly with Governor Youngkin and, hence, became the first woman, the first woman of color, and the first Jamaican American chosen for Virginia’s Lt. Governor post.
- Jason Miyares was also elected as the first Cuban American and Hispanic Attorney General of Virginia for his pro-school-choice promise and objections to children’s mask requirements from the CDC in Virginia.

All this because they supported Governor Youngkin, who supported the parents, and their kids!

Objectivity in Decision-Making

Parent-involvement teams that have novel, innovative, “first-hand” points of view can more effectively counter biases. When trying to complete complex tasks that require diverse skills and perspectives, heterogeneous groups consistently outperform homogeneous library-led groups, every time.

The importance of objectivity in the decision-making realm of appropriate books for minors cannot be overstated. Teachers’ and Libraries’ Unions, which overwhelmingly support liberal, Leftist agendas, are incapable of making impartial decisions. Parents who are always looking out for the best interests of their own individual children, are far more likely to make cogent, appropriate decisions for the betterment of their children, than a Leftist union member, whose focus is on Left-wing prejudicial demagoguery and “diverse book titles”.

Conclusion: We Are In Dire Straits!

Our public-school and municipal libraries are in an untenable situation relative to their increased number of “bad” books, which is progressively getting worse, year after year. Unless legislation is passed that completely “disrupts” this “market”, our kids will ultimately fail.

Books and materials’ purchasing decisions should not be made by one group of people, exclusively. The decisions need to be made objectively, with a diverse team of individuals who can bring “light” to the evaluation and appropriate decisions to the outcome.

The goal of the “My Child, My Books” Bill is for the parents to represent their children relative to what is in the materials and books being made available for purchase by a public school or a community library within the State of Idaho, BEFORE the materials are, in fact, procured. Once purchased, the existing means of reassessing materials for libraries is by filling out “Request for Reconsideration of Materials” forms and sending the questionable materials through a time-consuming, iterative process within the library is unreasonable, and costly to the State of Idaho and its public library system.

Case in point: We salute the Campbell County Public Library system in Wyoming in effecting major changes to its community library system: A new, conservative Library Board, implementing a revised “Collection Development” Policy, and strength to finally force the obscenity and pornography out is monumental.

The State of Wyoming’s model for libraries across the country holds firm. However, it took two years to effect

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this change. “For two years, the parents continued to testify at Library Board meetings and filed 52 book challenges. The Wyoming Board “continued to ignore them—and treat them rudely.”

Coincidentally, having been treated “rudely” at the Idaho Falls Public Library Board meetings (called “Ku Klux Klanners”, “Third-Reich Nazi Sympathizers”, “Book Banners/Burners”, “Crazies”) the Parents Against Bad Books team is also submitting 21 books for reconsideration, with 33 additional books within the next two months = 53 total books.

The parents have told us they can’t wait two more years for change, as it took in Wyoming. They want change, now. And, by giving them their just authority to assist in decisions at the “headwaters” of the purchase of minor books, the legislature in the State of Idaho will give them that opportunity.

Lastly, the similarities between events leading up to the Wyoming success and the events that are now occurring with Parents Against Bad Books’ efforts, and other library struggles throughout the State, are “interesting”:

- There are never actual responses to parents’ testimony at the either of the states’ respective Board of Trustees meetings, only discourteous and ill-mannered expressions from the Libraries’ management and Board members;
- Fifty-two (**52**) “Requests for Reconsideration of Library Materials” forms were submitted to the Campbell County Library Director and **53** bad books at the Idaho Falls Public Library;
- Continued far-left union groups (American Library Association, National Education Association, left-wing reviewing agencies, etc.) wage war on the parents;
- First-Amendment threats, discourteous, rude comments from the libraries’ supporters in both areas, and
- Leftist library employees hiding behind their respective libraries’ policies to enable them to add and keep obscene books, despite parents’ complaints.

These two “battles” have come together in what the Parents Against Bad Books Team feels in a surprising, unexpected way, without an obvious causal explanation.

The clear, embedded “hint” is that there is something greater than we trying desperately to help us all.

We should heed this warning!
The Parents Against Bad Books Team



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ATTACHMENT I

*STATE OF IDAHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

WITH **“OBSCENE” BOOKS/MATERIALS

COUNTY	LIBRARY	OBSCENE BOOKS
ADA COUNTY	Ada Community Library – Lake Hazel	1, 3
	Ada Community Library – Star	4
	Ada Community Library – Victory	1, 2
	Boise High School	1, 2, 3
	Boise Public Library – Bown Crossing	1, 2, 4, 5
	Boise Public Library – Cole and Ustick	1, 2, 5
	Boise Public Library – Collister	1, 2, 5
	Boise Public Library – Hillcrest	2, 5
	Boise Public Library – Main	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Borah High School	2, 3, 5
	Capital High School	3, 4
	Eagle Public Library	3
	East Junior High School	3
	Frank Church High School	2, 3
	Garden City Public Library	2
	Hillside Junior High School	5
	Kuna Library	2
	Les Bois Junior High School	2
	Meridian Library District – Cherry Lane	1, 2, 3
	North Junior High	1, 3
Timberline High School	2, 3	
West Junior High	2	
BANNOCK COUNTY	Marshall Public Library (Pocatello)	1, 2, 3, 5
BINGHAM COUNTY	Blackfoot Public Library	5
BLAINE COUNTY	Community Library (Ketchum)	1, 2, 3, 5
	Hailey Public Library	5
	Wood River High School	3
	Wood River Middle School	5
BONNER COUNTY	East Bonner Library – Sandpoint	1, 2, 5
	Priest Lake Public Library	1, 3
	West Bonner Library – Priest River	5
*** BONNEVILLE COUNTY	Idaho Falls Public Library	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
CANYON COUNTY	Caldwell Public Library	2, 3, 5
	Middleton High School	3
	Nampa Public Library	1, 5
CARIBOU COUNTY	Soda Springs Public Library	5
CASSIA COUNTY	Burley Public Library	5
IDAHO COUNTY	Elk City School	4
JEROME COUNTY	Jerome Public Library	5
KOOTENAI COUNTY	Coeur d’Alene Public Library	2, 3, 5
	Post Falls Community Library	2
	Spirit Lake Community Library	4
LATAH COUNTY	Deary Community Library	1, 4
	Juliaetta Community Library	5
	Moscow Public Library	2, 3
LEWIS COUNTY	Nezperce Community Library	3
MADISON COUNTY	Madison Library District - Rexburg	2, 3
NEZ PERCE COUNTY	Lapwai Community Library	1
TWIN FALLS COUNTY	Canyon Ridge High School	4
	Twin Falls Public Library	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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* Data taken from Idaho Family Policy Center “Pornography in Public Schools and Libraries...a statewide problem” Report, DATED February 27, 2023, of public school and community libraries throughout the State of Idaho with five specific books (not ebook collections) adjudged as “obscene”.

** Key: Obscene Books: (1) *Gender Queer*; (2) *Fun Home*; (3) *All Boys Aren't Blue*; (4) *Dreaming in Cuban*; (5) *It's Perfectly Normal*

*** After Parents Against Bad Books further investigated the Idaho Falls Public Library's books, it was found there are currently 53 books with content-based ratings of: “Minor Restricted”, “No Minors”, and “Aberrant Content” currently residing in the Library.

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ATTACHMENT II TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP/COMMENTS
FY2024 – PHASE I – July 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025		
Bill passes during 2024 Legislative Session	March, 2024	Approximate date.
Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) selected	July 1, 2024 – October 1, 2024	
IPLB selects parents	October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	
FY2025 – PHASE II – January 1, 2025 – January 1, 2026		
Bi-annual trips by IPLB to three areas of State of Idaho to commence.	January, 2025 July, 2025	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Idaho locations: Northern, Central, Southern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of parents to 50 libraries; • discuss libraries’ specific needs and “next-step” actions for all parties; • program “go/no-go” at end of Phase II.
FY2026 – PHASE III – January 1, 2026 – January 1, 2027		
Bi-annual trips by IPLB to three areas of State of Idaho to continue. IPBL authors report looking at possible additional State libraries with “bad” books	January, 2026 July, 2026	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Idaho locations: Northern, Central, Southern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of parents to libraries, if needed; • discuss area libraries’ specific needs and “next-step” actions for all parties; • program “go/no-go” at end of Phase III.
FY2027 – PHASE IV – January 1, 2027 – January 1, 2028		
Bi-annual trips by IPLB to three areas of State of Idaho to continue. IPBL authors report looking at possible additional State libraries with “bad” books	January, 2027 July, 2027	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Idaho locations: Northern, Central, Southern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of parents to libraries, if needed; • discuss libraries’ specific needs and “next-step” actions for all parties; • program “go/no-go” at end of Phase IV
FY2028 through duration of Bill		
Bi-annual trips by IPLB to three areas of State of Idaho to continue. IPBL author report looking at possible additional State libraries with “bad” books.	January, 2028 through duration of Bill.	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Idaho locations: Northern, Central, Southern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of parents to libraries, if needed; • discuss libraries’ specific needs and “next-step” actions for all parties; • program “go/no-go” at end of all future Phases.

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ATTACHMENT III

BOOKS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS (RFROM) FORMS COMPLETED
BY INDIVIDUAL PARENTS AND PARENTS AGAINST BAD BOOKS TEAM

NAME OF BOOK/AUTHOR	RFROM COMPLETED	REVIEWS/RATINGS/COMMENT
“13 Reasons Why” Asher, Jay	*06.26.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”
“Abuela” Dorros, Arthur	05.29.23	Banned - Florida
“A Court of Frost and Starlight” Maas, Sarah J.	*05.16.23	Banned – Utah; on “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA); BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“A Court of Mist and Fury” Maas, Sarah J.	06.27.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“A Court of Silver Flames” Maas, Sarah J.	06.27.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“A Court of Thorns and Roses” Maas, Sarah J.	06.27.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“A Court of Wings and Ruin” Maas, Sarah J.	06.27.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“All Boys Aren’t Blue” Johnson, George M.	06.22.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA); BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“Assassination Classroom” Matsui, Yusei	*06.22.23	Assassination Classroom Volumes 1 through 7; Volume 11 - BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”
“A Thousand Acres” Smiley, Jane	05.29.23	Banned in Kuna, Idaho (sex and violence); 2013 – Removed from Katy, TX Independent School District required reading list following parental complaints about references to sex and violence; banned in Lynden, Washington .
“Beloved” Morrison, Tony	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”
“Between Us and Abuela” Dorros, Arthur	05.29.23	Banned - Florida
“Breathless” Niven, Jennifer	05.29.23	Banned – Alpine Utah School District
“City of Heavenly Fire (The Mortal Instruments, #6) Clare, Cassandra	07.03.23	Banned – Nampa School Board.
“Clockwork Princess” Clare, Cassandra	*05.09.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Crank” Hopkins Ellen	05.29.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Damsel” Arnold, Elana K.	05.29.23	Banned - Utah
“Drama” Telgemeier, Raina	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5 – “Young Adult Graphic Novel” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Dreaming in Cuban: A Novel” Garcia, Cristina	*06.22.23	Adjudged “obscene” by Idaho Family Policy Center
“Eleanor and Park” Rowell, Rainbow	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” Foer, Jonathan Safran	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Fallout” Strasser, Todd	05.29.23	Banned - Utah
“Flamer” Curato, Mike	*05.15.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”

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“Forever” Blume, Judy	*05.08.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story”	*05.17.23	Banned – Florida Northampton (PA) Area School District objected to “The Conscious Kid” non-profit org. of which “Fry Bread” is a part, because of Marxist critical race theory promotion.
“Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic” Bechdel, Alison	*05.17.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“Gender Queer: A Memoir” Kobabe, Maia	05.04.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Adjudged “obscene” by Idaho Family Policy Center; On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA)
“It’s Perfectly Normal” Harris, Robie	*05.02.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Adjudged “obscene” by Idaho Family Policy Center Banned - Nampa School Board
“L8r G8r” Myracle, Lauren	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Lawn Boy” Evison, Jonathan	*05.06.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA); BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”
“Leah on the Offbeat” Albertalli, Becky		Banned - Nampa School Board
“Looking for Alaska” Green, John	06.26.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Me and Earl and the Dying Girl” Andrews, Jesse		On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors”
“Out of Darkness” Perez, Ashley Hope	*05.15.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Radiant Child” Steptoe, Javaka	06.20.23	Pen America – “One of the most banned picture books of the 2021-2022 school year.”
“Shine” Grabenstein, J. J. & Chris	05.14.23	Banned – Utah and Alpine Utah School District BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“Slaughterhouse-Five” Vonnegut, Kurt	05.29.23	Banned – Florida BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“Sold” Gallagher, Diana G.	*05.16.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 5/5 – “Aberrant content” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Speak” Anderson, Laurie Halse	*05.09.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 3/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“Sula” Morrison, Toni	05.29.23	ALA regularly includes this work on its annual list of most banned and challenged books.
“The 57 Bus” Slater, Dashka	*06.22.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5 – “Teen guidance; young adult graphic novel” Banned - Nampa School Board
“The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” Alexie, Sherman	*05.18.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5–“Teen guidance; young adult graphic novel” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“The Bluest Eye” Morrison, Toni	*05.29.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA) BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“The Color Purple” Walker, Alice	05.29.23	“Parents are the most common group attempting to remove this novel from schools. There have been different reasons for the book being banned, including religious objections, homosexuality, violence, African history, rape, incest, drug abuse, explicit language, and sexual scenes.” https://bannedbooks.library.cmu.edu/alice-walker-the-color-purple/
“The Handmaid’s Tale” Atwood, Margaret	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“The Haters” Andrews, Jesse	*05.14.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Banned – Utah

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“The Kite Runner” Hosseini, Khaled	05.29.23	BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“The Perks of Being a Wallflower” Chbosky, Stephen	05.29.23	On “Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022” list by American Library Association (ALA); BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors” Banned - Nampa School Board.
“The Prince and the Dressmaker” Wang, Jen		Banned – Nampa School Board. BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5–“Teen guidance; young adult graphic novel”
“Tilt” Hopkins, Ellen	05.29.23	Banned – Utah BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”
“TTYL” Myracle, Lauren	*07.03.23	Banned – Utah BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5–“Teen guidance; young adult graphic novel”
“Twisted” Anderson, Laune Halse	*05.10.23	Banned – Utah BookLooks.org Review Rating: 2/5–“Teen guidance; young adult graphic novel”
“What Girls are Made Of” Arnold, Elana K.	*06.22.23	Banned – Utah BookLooks.org Review Rating: 4/5 – “Not for minors”

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Parents Against Bad Books (PABB) is currently “corroborating” the above reviews and bans by completing the Idaho Falls Public Library’s “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials” procedure.

PABB team members, as well as concerned parents, are currently reading ALL of these books and filling out the forms. Twenty-one (21) completed forms are being delivered to the Library Director for his dissemination to the Board of Trustees for all their respective input. The remaining thirty-two (32) forms will be completed within the next three months.

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ATTACHMENT IV “MY CHILD, MY BOOKS” LEGISLATIVE BILL ASSUMPTION-OF-COSTS CHART FY2024 through FY2027			
PHASE I – FY2024 – July 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025			
COST TYPE	AMOUNT	IB-TOTAL	TOTAL
Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) Member Salary – July 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025 <u>IPLB PHASE I ACTIONS/DUTIES</u> IPLB members selected – July 1, 2024 – October 1, 2024 One member, each, chosen by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Pro Tempore of the Senate • Speaker of the House of Representatives • Idaho Commission of Libraries • Idaho Family Policy Center • Idaho Attorney General 	Five Members @ \$16,000/member/annum six-month, prorated amount	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,000.00
IPLB selects 50 parents to be included in existing pre- selected libraries’ acquisition-of-books teams – October 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025	Fifty (50) parents @ \$10,000/parent/annum (commences in FY2025)		0.00
TOTAL COST:			\$40,000.00

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PHASE II – FY2025			
COST TYPE	AMOUNT	IB-TOTAL	TOTAL
Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) Member Salary	Five Members @ \$16,000/member/annum		\$ 80,000
<p><u>PHASE II BI-ANNUAL TRIPS BY IPLB TO STATE LIBRARIES –</u> Purpose: IPLB coordinate parent-launch transition to 50 program’s existing State of Idaho “target” libraries; also meet with additional libraries in below locations during trips.</p> <p>Travel Expenses (according to FY 2023 GSA per-diem rates) Two State of Idaho trips for IPLB Members in FY2025 Uniform starting point/meeting place for all trips: Boise; reimbursement costs TBD, according to IPLB members’ respective starting-point locations.</p> <p><u>Northern Idaho – Base: Coeur d’Alene – (12 target libraries)</u> Destinations: Bonner County, Kootenai County, Latah County, Nez Perce County, Lewis County, Idaho County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations – Cost: TBD Transportation – Hertz van rental for five people @ \$47/Day Lodging for three nights @\$105/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days</p> <p><u>Central Idaho – Base: Boise – (26 target libraries: one meeting for five Boise Public Libraries; one meeting for three Ada Community Libraries)</u> Destinations: Ada County, Canyon County, Jerome County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations – Cost: TBD Lodging for three nights @ \$147/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p><u>Southern Idaho – Base: Idaho Falls – (12 target libraries)</u> Destinations: Bannock County, Bingham County, Blaine County, Bonneville County, Cassia County, Caribou County, Madison County, Twin Falls County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations – Cost: TBD Transportation – Hertz rental for five people @ \$47/day Lodging for four nights @ \$98/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p>Two trips @ \$9,86611,091.00/trip (January, 2025 and July, 2027)</p>			
	N/A (IPLB members travel to Boise)	\$ 0.00	
	Four days @ \$47/day	188.00	
	Five Members, three nights @ \$105/night	1,575.00	
	Five Members, four days @\$64/day	1,280.00	
	N/A (IPLB members travel to Boise)	0.00	
	Five Members, three nights @ \$147/night	2,205.00	
	Five Members, four days @ \$74/day	1,480.00	
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	Four days @ \$47/day	188.00	
	Five Members, three nights \$98/night	1,470.00	
	Five Members, four days @74/day	<u>1,480.00</u>	
		\$ 9,866.00	
			19,732.00
IPLB Parent Salary - \$10K/parent/library/annum @ 50 public school/municipal target libraries throughout State of Idaho	\$10K/parent @ 50 public school and community libraries		500,000.00
TOTAL COSTS FOR FY2025:			\$599,732.00

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ASSUMPTION-OF-COSTS CHART

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PHASE III – FY2026

COST TYPE	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL
Idaho Parent Library Board (IPLB) Member Salary	Five Members @ \$16,000/member/annum		\$ 80,000
<p>PHASE III BI-ANNUAL TRIPS BY IPLB TO STATE LIBRARIES – Purpose: Follow-up visits with “target” libraries in respective locations; also meet with additional libraries in below locations.</p> <p>Travel Expenses (according to FY 2023 GSA per-diem rates) Two State of Idaho trips for IPLB Members in FY2026 Uniform starting point/meeting place for all trips: Boise; reimbursement costs TBD, according to IPLB members’ respective starting-point locations.</p> <p><u>Northern Idaho – Base: Coeur d’Alene</u> (12 target libraries) Destinations: Bonner County, Kootenai County, Latah County, Nez Perce County, Lewis County, Idaho County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations – Cost: TBD Transportation – Hertz van rental for five people @ \$47/Day Lodging for three nights @ \$105/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days</p> <p><u>Central Idaho – Base: Boise</u> (26 target libraries: one meeting for five Boise Public Libraries; one meeting for three Ada Community Libraries) Destinations: Ada County, Canyon County, Jerome County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations Lodging for three nights @ \$147/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p><u>Southern Idaho – Base: Idaho Falls</u> (12 target libraries) Destinations: Bannock County, Bingham County, Blaine County, Bonneville County, Cassia County, Caribou County, Madison County, Twin Falls County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations Transportation – Hertz rental for five people @ \$47/day Lodging for four nights @ \$98/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p>Two trips @ \$9,866.00/trip Two-year, 2.5%/year GSA per-diem rate increase = 5% increase</p>			
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			\$19,732.00 986.60
B Parent Salary - \$10K/parent @ 50 public school/municipal target libraries throughout State of Idaho.	K/parent/annum @ 50 public school and community libraries		500,000.00
TOTAL COSTS FOR FY2026:			\$600,718.60

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PHASE IV – FY2027

COST TYPE	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL
Idaho Parent Library Board (IPLB) Member Salary	Five Members @ \$16,000/member/annum		\$80,000.00
<p>PHASE IV QUARTERLY TRIPS BY IPLB TO STATE LIBRARIES – Purpose: Follow-up visits with “target” libraries in respective locations; also meet with additional libraries in below locations.</p> <p>Travel Expenses (according to FY 2023 GSA per-diem rates) Two State of Idaho trips for IPLB Members in FY2027 Uniform starting point/meeting place for all trips: Boise; reimbursement costs TBD, according to IPLB members’ respective starting-point locations.</p> <p>Northern Idaho – Base: Coeur d’Alene (12 target libraries) Destinations: Bonner County, Kootenai County, Latah County, Nez Perce County, Lewis County, Idaho County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations – Cost: TBD Transportation – Hertz van rental for five people @ \$47/Day Lodging for three nights @ \$105/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days</p> <p>Central Idaho – Base: Boise (26 target libraries: one meeting for five Boise Public Libraries; one meeting for three Ada Community Libraries) Destinations: Ada County, Canyon County, Jerome County Transportation – Boise - Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations - TBD Lodging for three nights @ \$147/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p>Southern Idaho – Base: Idaho Falls (12 target libraries) Destinations: Bannock County, Bingham County, Blaine County, Bonneville County, Cassia County, Caribou County, Madison County, Twin Falls County Transportation – Boise – Five IPLB members travel to Boise from their respective Idaho locations - TBD Transportation – Hertz rental for five people @ \$47/day Lodging for four nights @ \$98/night Meals & Incidentals (M&IE) for four days @ \$74/day</p> <p>Two trips @ \$9,866.00/trip Three-year, 2.5%/year GSA per-diem rate increase = 7.5 % increase</p>			
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	N/A (IPLB members travel to Boise)	0.00	
	Five Members, three nights @ \$147/night	2,205.00	
	Five Members, four days @ \$74/day	1,480.00	
	N/A (IPLB members travel to Boise)	0.00	
	Four days @ \$47/day	188.00	
	Five Members, three nights \$98/night	1,470.00	
	Five Members, four days @74/day	<u>1,480.00</u>	
		<u>\$9,866.00</u>	
			19,732.00
			1,479.90
B Parent Salary - \$10K/parent/annum @ 50 public school/municipal libraries throughout State of Idaho	\$10K/parent/annum @ 50 public schools and community libraries		500,000.00
TOTAL COSTS FOR FY2027:			\$601,211.90

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**FOUR-PHASE
FISCAL-YEAR
ASSUMPTION-OF-COSTS
RECAP**

FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT
FY2024	\$ 40,000.00
FY2025	599,732.00
FY2026	600,718.60
FY2027	601,211.90
TOTAL:	\$1,841,662.50

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ATTACHMENT V

BENEFITS TO PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND SOCIETY

PARENTS’ INCLUSION IN CHOOSING APPROPRIATE BOOKS/MATERIALS FOR MINOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF IDAHO’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES HAS MANY POSITIVE ADVANTAGES

With parents involved in the purchase of books/materials for public schools and community libraries, this new approach will:

1. Give an opportunity to “heed” parents’ many requests for involvement in the decision of the books their children read, before the acquisition is made, and the books stay in the libraries in perpetuity.
2. Give an objective perspective to the books Idaho’s children and young adults read—by people who love them.
3. Bring impartiality and fairness to the current one-sided material review and rating systems.
4. Bring a higher level of morality and standards to the books/materials from which to choose.
5. Combat teachers’ unions, publishers, and library associations’ power over the purchase of sexually-explicit books.
6. Embolden parents’ attempts to stand up for their children.
7. Help to halt “groomers” (organizations, groups, associations, and adults who want to exploit or abuse impressionable children by building trust and an emotional connection with them, at an early age).

With a wide range of expertise and proficiency from an assortment of groups, the Idaho Parents’ Library Board (IPLB) will:

1. Have the opportunity to choose the most appropriate members of the Board to select those parents who will have the character and forward-thinking capacity to participate in the acquisition of “good” books at appropriate libraries, for the State of Idaho’s youth.
2. Have a say in the State’s library-related policies, laws, rules, guidelines, and related programs.
3. Be a “sounding board” for the parents, as well as the State’s libraries, who need objective, varied-experience input to make appropriate decisions in a variety of issues for their respective libraries.
4. Consistently send a message throughout the State of Idaho, and the country, that the public-school and community libraries’ primary objective is to appropriately educate, and entertain, our kids—not indoctrinate them.

B. ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

1. Elections of Library Board Trustees, rather than appointments by politicians, puts control back in the hands of the electorate, resulting in accountability to the people and appropriate turnover of Board members, as adjudged by the constituency, not political factors.