Ada Community Library is an independent taxing district serving over 54,000 residents of unincorporated Ada County and the city of Star, Idaho. We have 25,770 cardholders, and 18,528 of those are active users (within last few months).

We operate four branch locations to effectively reach a geographically vast service area.

- **Victory Branch/HQ** – The only facility owned by the district - opened in 1989 in southwest Boise. Lower level expansion in 1993. **14,200 SF**
- **Star Branch** – Opened in 1989 in Star Senior Center. Current leased storefront location opened in 2001, annex for meeting/programming and teen space added in 2009. **7,400 SF**
- **Lake Hazel Branch** – Opened in 2011 in leased space in building shared with Paul’s Market. Houses technical services dept. **16,800 SF**

We also offer a small collection in the growing planned community development of Avimor in the northernmost part of our district, and two 24/7 express pick-up locations (lockers) in the northwest for commuter convenience.

We belong to the LYNX! consortium, sharing a Library Information System online catalog. LYNX! is made up of eleven public library jurisdictions in southwest and south central Idaho. Seven LYNX! members are in close enough proximity to share physical materials through a courier system that is valued by library users.

**Our current (FY14) annual operating budget is $2,457,203.**

Local property taxes make up 91% of our budget, 3% comes from a share of state sales tax, the other 6% comes from non-resident fees, fines/fees, Friends support, grants and donations.
Broadband and technology at ACL

Access and services -

Between our four locations we offer 101 public access computers; most are desktops with some in-house checkout laptops for use in study rooms or comfortable seating. Adaptive technology is also available. Our computers are heavily used for various purposes including facilitating 205,000+ Internet sessions annually.

Most locations have Smart Boards for interactive presentations and homeschool use. Hidden Springs will soon offer iPads for preschool learning. Other technologies regularly employed at all branches are video conferencing, scanning, faxing, digital makerspace activities, and gaming.

We offer electronic resources and ebooks along with traditional materials and guide the public in usage via library or personal devices. We offer computer classes on basic computer usage, various Microsoft Office applications, Internet safety and digital citizenship.

Public services staff at all branches are always ready to assist computer users and those entering with their own devices with personal technology needs. Our Victory Branch also offers private “tech coach” sessions that are personalized to meet individual needs. Often this coaching involves setting up and using an eReader, setting up a Google profile or email accounts, creating a resume, etc.

Costs -

We employ both analog and VoIP telephone service at our branches at an annual cost of $4,100. We receive $2,280 in E-rate support, reimbursed at the end of the E-rate year.

We offer 20 Mbps bandwidth at three of our branches; Hidden Springs Branch offers 12 Mbps. Broadband costs currently total just over $51,000 (8% of non-personnel expenditures). We receive $28,843 in E-rate support – some reimbursed, some deducted from each monthly bill.

Due to high volume and draw on both wired and wi-fi bandwidth resulting in slow down for computing and intermittent cutting out of VoIP affecting telephone services, we will need to increase bandwidth at Victory and Lake Hazel with the next E-rate cycle. Unfortunately we cannot afford to do so in the middle of an E-rate year as we would need E-rate support to help cover the increase in cost.

We also budget annually for replacement or enhancement of computers and other devices.