

Latah County Library District Offers Energy Efficiency Kits

Portable Energy Efficiency Kits to measure electricity usage and help consumers save on power bills are now available to check out from the seven libraries of the Latah County Library District.

Each kit includes a Kill a Watt™ meter and instructions on how to use the meter and interpret the measurements—all packaged in a green zippered bag. To use the meter, simply plug it into an outlet, then connect an electrical appliance to the meter. The device calculates power consumption by the kilowatt-hour, the same unit of measurement that utilities use.

Consumers can use the meter readings to estimate electrical consumption and costs associated with each appliance by the hour, day, week, month, or entire year. Using this data in addition to the kit's energy-saving tips can help consumers identify ways to reduce utility expenses.

The Energy Efficiency Kit program, available to all Idaho public libraries, is made possible through a partnership among the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Idaho Power, Avista Utilities, and Rocky Mountain Power. The purpose of the program is to help Idahoans save money by cutting down on energy consumption.

Idaho State Librarian Ann Joslin said that the Kill a Watt meter is a good way to determine how much energy many devices can waste if they are left plugged in when not in use. Joslin said the Idaho Commission for Libraries welcomed the opportunity to work with utility companies and public libraries to help people reduce unnecessary energy consumption and save money.

For more information on the program or for energy efficiency tips visit www.lili.org/energy or contact Gina Persichini, Idaho Commission for Libraries, gina.persichini@libraries.idaho.gov or 208-334-2150.

The Energy Efficiency Kits can be reserved through the Latah County Library District's online catalog at www.latahlibrary.org. For more information about the kits contact the Moscow Library at 882-3925.