

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS****B. Community Outreach / Partnerships – Information Item**

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This report provides an overview of the outcomes of community meetings and partnership development during the past 4 months.

**Lizard Butte Library District – Marsing, Idaho – Janna Streibel, Director**

On September 14, a community meeting was facilitated at the Lizard Butte Library District with 7 people in attendance. Represented were Lizard Butte Library District, Idaho Department of Labor, and Chamber of Commerce. During the two-hour meeting, the group gained an overview of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, identified a list of community assets and challenges, and brainstormed potential solutions. In a January follow-up, the library director listed two quick wins that are moving forward.

- Issue: Community members who work use the library to file unemployment claims and sometimes need assistance. Outcome: The director reports the DoL workstation has been set up, however, still testing the link before making the station available for use.
- Issue: Migrant workers' children need support and resources for after-school activities. Need to create a more inclusive environment. Some public relations barriers with not everyone understanding that libraries and others have free, available resources. Outcome: The library director reports the Chamber of Commerce has developed the Welcome Packet which will be sent in local utility bills in February. The director reports the conversation has heightened awareness of the library and opened new doors to partnerships. It has strengthened community relations and awareness of the public library and the resources it provides.

*Note from the 2016 Public Library Statistics: the library district was open 1,872 hours, serves a population of 5,967, attendance at the library during 2016 was a little over 15,000, there were 92 programs hosted by the library, and there were 4,515 hours of Internet use tracked. The library has total employees of 1.0 FTE with the director working at .75 FTE.*

**Mountain Home Public Library, Mountain Home Public Library – William Lamb, Director**

On December 5, 2017, a community conversation was held at the Mountain Home Public Library with 8 people in attendance representing Department of Labor, Mountain Home Public Library, and Mountain Home Economic Development Association. The group identified a list of issues and challenges, along with potential solutions. This group decided to approach the issue of workforce and economic development from the perspective of the business owner. Possible solutions include educating library staff about the services provided by the Department of Labor and hosting job fairs and/or speakers series for employers at the library. In the January follow-up, they have not had time to officially implement any of the ideas, however, are looking forward to moving ahead as the new local Economic Development Director gets established.

*Note: In 2016, the library was open 2,990 hours, served a population of 14,186, attendance at the library during 2016 was a little over 763,380, there were 562 programs hosted by the library, and there were 50,384 hours of Internet use tracked. There are 8.46 staff paid staff, with a full-time director.*

**Kuna District Library, Kuna, Idaho – Co-Directors Tam Svedin and Jana Cutforth**

On January 17, 2018, a community conversation was held at the Kuna District Library. Twenty-one people attended to discuss workforce and economic development needs, possible solutions and action steps. The following organizations were represented: Idaho Department of Labor, City of Kuna, Kuna District Library, Kuna School District, local restaurant, grocery store, United Way of Treasure Valley, and Idaho Central Credit Union. The group identified a list of issues which included transportation, communication tools, literacy, and lack of career guidance from families. The group decided to start meeting monthly to work on building connections and networks. The purpose of these meetings is to get to know each other and the services and connections currently available. They will make a list of who is not present and continue to invite participants.

*Note: In 2016, the library was open 2,652 hours, serves a population of 28,788, attendance at the library was a little over 422,672, there were 2,325 programs hosted by the library, and there were 67,395 hours of Internet use tracked. There are 15.75 paid staff, with co-directors each working part-time as director to equal 1 FTE for director.*

**Other outreach includes:**

1. McCall Public Library – facilitating a conversation between Idaho Department of Labor and the library regarding possible co-location in planned new city library facility.
2. Presentation at Hagerman Public Library Board meeting regarding partnership development.
3. Conversation with Nampa Public Library on working with the Idaho Department of Labor.
4. Connected with Boise Public Business Reference Librarian to understand economic development resources they offer.
5. Connected with Idaho Falls Public Library to schedule a community conversation this spring.
6. Met with United Way of Treasure Valley to identify ways to connect libraries to their services.
7. Connected the Youth Services Librarians and Volunteer Coordinator from Meridian Library District with Youth Services Specialist at the Meridian Department of Labor.
8. Connecting with South-Central Idaho representatives from Idaho Department of Labor, United Way, Health District and UI Extension.

9. Working with Department of Corrections to establish the ABLE library basics courses as training opportunities for minimum security folks who maintain their prison libraries. The students have almost completed all 12 courses.
10. Met with representatives from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to connect their area offices with local public libraries. IHFA has a book distribution program.
11. Met with the Idaho Commission on Aging and identified a process to connect the various meal sites throughout the state, with local public libraries and the Talking Book Service.
12. Attend Idaho Rural Partnership quarterly meetings. During this past quarter was active on the Broadband Work Group which created a document showing the compelling need plus potential solutions for broadband access in rural Idaho. Next Step: Share with Idaho stakeholders.
13. Attend the Workforce Development Council quarterly meetings. Network with College Technical Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Labor and State Board of Education.
14. Host monthly College, Career and Coffee meeting with average attendance of about 20 people from a wide range of education, community, and other resources interested in helping students go beyond a high school education.

**Shirley Biladeau, Program Supervisor**  
**January 30, 2018**

# Partnership Connections – Hagerman Public Library

## Education

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*UI Extension Agent:*  
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*College of Southern Idaho:*  
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Community Education Programs

*Other:*  
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[nextsteps.idaho.gov](http://nextsteps.idaho.gov) ~ [perc.idiglearning.net](http://perc.idiglearning.net)*

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## Economic Development

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*Other:*  
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## Workforce Development

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Vocational Rehabilitation)

*College of Southern Idaho Programs:*  
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*School District Programs:*  
Mark Kress 208-837-6344

*Other:*  
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## Basic Needs

*United Way of South Central Idaho:*  
Bill Maikranz, Executive Director 208-733-4922

*Idaho Food Bank:*  
[idahofoodbank.org/programs/cooking-matters/](http://idahofoodbank.org/programs/cooking-matters/)

*South Central Health District:*  
Emely Regalado 208-324-8838

*Idaho Housing and Finance Association:*  
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*Area Agency on Aging:* 208-736-2122

*Other:*  
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