Libraries have always been places for people to explore the world, but now that is accomplished through more than books. As a nexus for global information, innovation, collaboration, and hands-on learning, today’s libraries utilize tools, such as computers and the Internet, in ways barely dreamed of just a few years ago.

To keep the broadband services in Idaho’s public libraries at the forefront, the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) has created a dynamic new position, Library Consultant -- Broadband Services.

Do you have a passion for planning and project management, a love of all things broadband, and the ability to navigate library laws? If so, this role might be your perfect fit. For more information on the ICfL, visit: http://www.libraries.idaho.gov.

The ICfL serves all publicly funded libraries in the state -- academic, school, and public. As Idaho is very geographically diverse, our libraries range from those that serve hundreds of thousands of patrons each year, to those that see yearly visits of a thousand or so.

But whether a library sits in the heart of Boise or downtown Grangeville, the mission for the ICfL is the same -- to assist libraries to build the capacity to better serve their communities. Libraries enable us to sustain our history, empower our present, and create our future.

Perhaps you find the job and the ICfL appealing, but what about the Boise community?

Known as the Treasure Valley, the Boise Metropolitan area is comprised of a number of rapidly growing communities, including Boise, which is the state capitol. The population of the region is approximately 664,000. The cost of living for the Boise Metro area is 94.7 percent of the national average (housing is 86.5 percent; utilities are 88.6 percent).*
And Boise ranks at more than football:
- Top 10 City for Active Families (Outside Magazine, July 2016)
- #6 Best Place to Live (U.S. News & World Report, March 2016)
- Top 10 Best Places to Live 2016 (Men’s Journal, March 2016)
- Top 10 Hottest Housing Markets of 2016 (Zillow, January 2016)
- Top States for Job Growth (Forbes, January 2016)

A mecca for such industries as high-tech, agribusiness, food processing, manufacturing, and many more, there is a rich history of business success in the area, led by companies such as Micron, Albertsons, the J.R. Simplot Company, and Hewlett-Packard’s LaserJet Division. And fueling that economic growth is a strong educational foundation, which includes the nearly one dozen colleges and universities in the area.

Surrounded by scenic foothills, where high desert meets the western edge of the Rockies, the Treasure Valley boasts four glorious seasons that average 234 sunny days a year.
- July -- average high temperature is 90 degrees (average humidity is only 22 percent)
- January -- average low temperature is 21 degrees

Taking full advantage of the seasons is easy. Whether it’s walking or cycling along Boise’s 25-mile greenbelt, fishing or kayaking in a nearby river, camping, hunting, or taking to the slopes (with the nearest ski resort located just 16 miles north of town), there are outdoor offerings for everyone to enjoy.

Indoor pursuits abound, as well. Delicious dining choices run the gamut from fine dining to casual favorites -- many utilizing locally grown products. And being the largest metropolitan area between Portland and Salt Lake City, Boise is a shopping destination for locals and visitors, alike. Retail options include quaint, downtown boutiques, a large mall with the familiar favorites, outlet stores, and the one-of-a-kind entertainment, dining, and shopping experience found at the Village at Meridian. Also are an array of cultural entertainment events, such as the symphony, ballet, or theatrical productions.

With an affordable cost of living, enviable weather, and an exceptional quality of life, Boise is a safe, family-friendly community -- where rural meets urban in one of Idaho’s gems.

Boise is the preferred location for this position; however, our field offices in Moscow and Idaho Falls, Idaho would be considered as the base location for this job. To see what Moscow, Idaho has to offer, visit: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g35539-Activities-moscowIdaho. Or if you want to learn more about Idaho Falls, visit: http://www.visitidahofalls.com.

*Council for Community and Economic Research