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***** MEDIA ALERT *****

Maker movement in Idaho libraries expands in year two

GREAT VISUALS Two-dozen librarians from across the state will be assembling BrickLab and Discover E! Kit projects in downtown Boise today and tomorrow — more than doubling the maker movement’s presence in Idaho libraries.

WHO The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), staff from 11 public libraries from throughout the state, and trainers from PCS Edventures with the financial support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

WHAT The first of three workshops for year two of the ICfL’s “Make It at the Library” project designed to create makerspaces in libraries throughout the Gem State.

WHY The ICfL is providing the necessary materials and training to implement creative, STEAM-based programming for tweens and teens that encourage the use of new technologies and tools. (STEAM education is similar to STEM learning but also recognizes the importance of the arts.)

WHEN The visually compelling opportunities — when participants will be building BrickLab and Discover E! Kit projects — are:

- Monday Feb. 24 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Monday Feb. 24 from 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

WHERE In the River Room at the ICfL, 325 W. State St. in downtown Boise.

RE: ICFL The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele through support of statewide databases and online resources, continuing education, consulting, programming, early literacy skills, and building library community. To learn more about the ICfL, visit Libraries.Idaho.Gov.

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