ICfL Volunteer Coordinator Wins 2015 “Excellence in Volunteer Management” Award

BOISE, ID – The Idaho Commission for Libraries is proud to announce that Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther has been awarded the Southwest Idaho Directors of Volunteer Services (SWIDOVS) 2015 “Excellence in Volunteer Management” Award. This award recognizes volunteer administrators for their outstanding contributions to the profession and for their promotion of quality volunteer experiences in Idaho. Pam Bradshaw, Program Supervisor at the Commission, said, “The Commission’s volunteer infrastructure was created in 1989 under Sheila Winther’s leadership, and as of September 2015 the volunteer program has accumulated a total of 136,809 hours—a testament to her stewardship.”

Volunteers enhance the Commission’s many programs and services, helping us get books into the hands of underserved children, send literacy materials to libraries, and produce and deliver audiobooks for Idaho Talking Book Service users. Winther successfully manages 80–120 volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year. She treats volunteers with respect and matches them with tasks that draw on their skills and talents. She also shares her expertise with libraries and other organizations throughout Idaho and the nation through workshops and serving on various task forces and committees.

Commission staff and volunteers congratulate Sheila Winther on receiving this award and thank her for her outstanding service.

For more information about the Southwest Idaho Directors of Volunteer Services Directors of Volunteers Excellence D.O.V.E. Awards, visit www.swidovs.org/d-o-v-e-award.

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Pam Bradshaw, Program Supervisor and Sheila Winther, Volunteer Coordinator

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