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## Idaho library Fellows commit to serving adults ages 50+

BOISE, ID – Sixteen individuals from Idaho libraries, along with 74 Fellows from 11 other states, completed a year-long fellowship focused on library services for midlife adults ages 50+. The year-long Transforming Life After 50 Fellowship began with a three-day institute in Portland last September. During the past nine months the Fellows focused on community assessment, program development, and evaluation through a variety of blended learning opportunities. Now the Fellows will plan and implement Transforming Life After 50 approaches in their own libraries, including locally appropriate programs and engagement strategies.

“Idaho Fellows re-examined traditional views on aging and explored innovative ways for public libraries to foster lifelong learning and civic engagement,” said State Librarian Ann Joslin. “Their continued commitment to working with baby boomers will help public libraries keep up with the changing needs of midlife adults ages 50+ by offering relevant services and resources, as well as volunteer opportunities that tap the skills of this growing population.”

Librarians from Hayden to Marsing to Chubbuck completed the Transforming Life After 50 Fellowship:

- Boise: Diane Rice, Reference Librarian/Program Coordinator, Ada Community Library
- Boise: Erica Compton, Project Coordinator, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Boise: Sarah Kelley-Chase, Librarian, Boise Public Library, Library! At Cole & Ustick
- Boise: Sue Walker, Library Consultant, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Burley: Julie Woodford, Library Director, Burley Public Library
- Burley: Valerie Bame, Children's Librarian, Burley Public Library
- Chubbuck: Karri Alderson, Library Clerk, Portneuf District Library
- Coeur d'Alene: Barbara Nolan, Outreach Services Coordinator, Coeur d'Alene Public Library
- Hayden: Twylla Rehder, Outreach Coordinator, Community Library Network



- Jerome: Edie Waite, Adult Services Librarian, Jerome Public Library
- Lewiston: Heather Stout, Community/Youth Services Librarian, Lewiston Library
- Marsing: Janna Streibel, Library Director, Lizard Butte Library
- Pocatello: Amy Campbell, Library Assistant, Marshall Public Library
- Post Falls: Rebecca Melton, Assistant Director, Post Falls Public Library
- Rupert: Sharon Kimber, Library Director, DeMary Memorial Library
- Twin Falls: Jennifer Hills, Reference Librarian, Twin Falls Public Library

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