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ICfL’s Persichini elected to serve on American Library Association Executive Board

BOISE, ID – Gina Persichini, networking consultant at Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), was elected by the American Library Association (ALA) Council to the ALA Executive Board and will serve a three-year term from July 2014 through June 2017.

The Executive Board manages the affairs of and provides leadership and vision for the American Library Association and makes recommendations with respect to policy and operation. Persichini shares, “This is an important time for ALA as we work on development of a Strategic Framework that addresses the association’s direction in areas of advocacy, information policy, and professional development.” Representing small and rural library needs in the association is a key goal for her term on the Executive Board. “I’m looking forward to providing a strong voice for Idaho libraries on issues like broadband connectivity and digital literacy, continuing education needs for rural library staff, and the important role libraries play in Idaho’s communities.”

Persichini has served on the ALA Council as the Idaho Chapter Councilor since 2006. She has also served on several committees, task forces, and as a mentor to new librarians in the ALA Emerging Leader program. Persichini holds a BA in English from Florida Atlantic University and an MLIS from the University of South Florida.

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American Library Association President Barbara Stripling (top row) introduces new Executive Board members Peter Hepburn and Gina Persichini at the ALA Annual Conference Closing Session. Photo by Gretchen Casserotti

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About ICfL
The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) 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 ICfL, visit http://libraries.idaho.gov/.

About ALA
The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world, providing association information, news, events, and advocacy resources for members, librarians, and library users. The mission of ALA is to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. For more information about ALA visit www.ala.org.