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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a Congressional Act, passed in 2014. It is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. For more information, please visit: <https://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/Overview.cfm>.

The Idaho Department of Labor, in concert with the Idaho Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and other state agencies, is working to implement the framework for this program, which will certify American Job Centers operated in the local areas across the state.

The Idaho one-stop service delivery system is designed to provide a high level of service across the state, including rural areas, with one-stop network partners connected to Live Better Idaho. The Live Better Idaho website, <https://www.livebetteridaho.org>, is a collaborative effort between the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and community partners in the Gem state to help Idahoans seek, find, and access services online.

WIOA acknowledges the role public libraries play in workforce development and identifies public libraries as potential partners in the American Job Center network. Every day, people in communities across Idaho use libraries to access the Web for career development -- boosting their skills through online learning, improving their English and digital literacy, and finding work.

The following are some ways Idaho public libraries might participate:

- Leveraging digital literacy activities.
- Training library staff on employment and training resources.
- Being a stop on the route of mobile American Job Centers.
- Providing library space for career assistance.
- Sharing workforce and labor market information.

For more information, or questions concerning how your public library might participate, please contact Shirley Biladeau, ICfL Program Supervisor, at 208-639-4149 or via email at: shirley.biladeau@libraries.idaho.gov.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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Trustee Connections Events August 2017

The Idaho Commission for Libraries will host Trustee Connections events for public library directors and trustees during the week of August 7 at four sites throughout the state.

The six-hour event will focus on leadership development, community building strategies, and strategic planning. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

We hope you will identify a site near you and plan to attend.



August 7, 2017 --- Coeur d'Alene Public Library

August 9, 2017 --- Middleton Public Library

August 10, 2017 --- Twin Falls Public Library

August 11, 2017 --- Madison Library District, Rexburg

Registration is open until July 1. Registration information, the agenda, and event locations may be accessed at: http://libraries.idaho.gov/trustee_connections.

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Idaho Librarian Selected for Lilead Fellows Program

Congratulations to Lynn Johnson of Mountain View School District, in Grangeville, for being selected to participate in the national Lilead Fellows Program!

Twenty-two school district library leaders from around the country were chosen to take part in the 2017-2018 Lilead Fellows Program.

The Lilead Fellows Program, with funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, will provide an intensive 18-month professional development program, which will focus on developing leadership skills in integrating information literacy instruction, technology use, and advocacy for library programs. For more information, visit: <http://lileadproject.org>.

The goal of the Lilead Project is to study, support, and build community among school library supervisors.



Happy 10th Birthday, SPLAT!



Happy birthday to the Special Projects Library Action Team (SPLAT)! This summer marks the 10th year the group, which is sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), has been working to benefit the Idaho library community.

This group -- an output of the 2020 Futures Conference held in 2005 -- was charged to serve in a “crow’s nest” capacity to search for innovation, propose experiments, lead pilot projects, and discover new opportunities for the ICfL and the Idaho library community.



During the past ten years, SPLAT members have greatly supported the efforts of Idaho libraries to better serve their communities.

Outcomes from SPLAT include:

- The “SPLAT couch” at the Idaho Library Association (ILA) meetings, which provides an opportunity for anyone to learn tips and tricks for using technology, to share information with colleagues, and to connect with others from around the state. During the past four years, the couch turned into a room, but at this year’s ILA conference (in October), you will see the return of the SPLAT couch. So, plan to come connect with SPLAT members -- they are creative, inspirational, and downright fun!
- Members of SPLAT have reached beyond Idaho’s borders to gain additional insight by attending conferences, such as: Pegasus, Internet Librarian, Handheld Librarian, Computers in Libraries, Reference Renaissance, and conferences held by the American Library Association and the Pacific Northwest Library Association. The team always returns to Idaho brimming with ideas and tools they can share with their colleagues.

The ICfL is very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the 33 people who have been a part of the SPLAT team over the past ten years. They have contributed to the development of a strong library presence in communities throughout the Gem State.

To find out who the current SPLAT members are, please visit: <http://splat.lili.org/splat-members>. Feel free to get acquainted with these folks -- not only do they have a lot to share, they would also love to learn from you! SPLAT members can spread the word about library trends, for example, and what those would mean for the library community.

So, take a little time to connect with SPLAT. The members can be a great resource for you and your library. To subscribe to the SPLAT blog, visit: <http://splat.lili.org>.

SPLAT can help you keep up with what is new in the library world throughout Idaho and beyond.

Changes to Contact Info

If you have a new Trustee and/or the contact information for a Trustee has changed, please contact Tina Schilling at the Idaho Commission for Libraries with that information.

Tina’s email is: tina.schilling@libraries.idaho.gov.
Or the phone number is 208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271.

Summary of the 2017 Public Library Directors' Summit

The 2017 Public Library Directors' Summit was held on March 2 and 3 at the Red Lion Downtowner Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Fifty public library directors gathered for two days to focus on re-thinking libraries and connecting with current library trends.

Phil Eastman, of Leadership Advisors, Inc., served as facilitator and led a discussion on leadership-driven strategic planning.

Miguel Figueroa, Director of the Center for the Future of Libraries, presented some intriguing thoughts regarding future trends, plus he led the group in a futuring exercise. For more information about the trends, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/future/trends>.

The group spent time discussing issues identified at the 2016 Summit, as well as categorizing some key topics for this summer's Trustee Connections Workshop. Participants also spent time sharing ideas, networking, and building relationships with other directors from throughout the state.

For more information about the outcomes of the Summit, the final report and other event materials may be viewed at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/pldirectors>.



Truldaho

Truldaho is an email discussion list for the trustees of Idaho's public libraries. Membership is not limited to trustees, Idaho residents, or members of the Idaho Library Association (ILA), but the list will be of greatest interest and value to those who are serving as library trustees in Idaho.

Truldaho is provided by the ILA, which welcomes respectful discussion of professional issues.

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For more information, please visit the blog by Kevin Tomlinson, Library Consultant, Idaho Commission for Libraries: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/blogs/kevintomlinson/new-listserv-trustees-truldaho>.

Let's Talk About It

Application Deadline -- June 2, 2017



Applications for the 2017-2018 Let's Talk About It program are due by **June 2, 2017**. The program year runs from September 2017 through May 2018. To access the application and further information, please visit the Idaho Commission for Libraries' website at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/lets-talk-about-it>.

The Let's Talk About It program brings adult reading discussion groups together with humanities scholars in Idaho's public libraries for an exploration of fine literature. The interaction with a scholar is what sets these discussions apart from traditional book clubs.

Libraries may choose a theme and up to five titles for scholar-led book discussions. These book readings and discussions explore American values, history, culture, aging, the classics, and much more. For a list of themes, please visit: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/theme-publicity-materials>.

For more than 32 years, the Let's Talk About It program has been sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The program is administered by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Eclipse Resources

Idaho is considered a top location for viewing the upcoming total eclipse of the sun, which will occur on August 21, 2017. If you are located in or near the band of totality, expect hordes of people to descend upon your area.

For resources, including a Community Planning White Paper, please visit: <http://www.commerce.idaho.gov/eclipse>. The site also features information for Idaho businesses, visitors, and residents, along with links to external websites, like those for NASA and "Eclipse 2017."

Help your community plan for this unprecedented event and show yet another way libraries are invaluable resources for their community.



Youngsters in Driggs have been looking toward August for months.



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Snapshot Day 2017

During National Library Week each April, libraries select one day that best represents their activities, and they document all of the happenings. Called Snapshot Day, the event is designed to capture the impact libraries have on their communities during a typical day. A few libraries -- six public, one school, and one academic -- participated in Idaho Snapshot Day 2017. Some of their results are listed below. (And we appreciate the photos that were sent in! Look for more results and photos in the next Nexus newsletter.)

We hope even more libraries will participate next year so more data can be collected. By showcasing all that libraries do, we can get the message out about the value libraries bring to their communities. This is of utmost importance, particularly as libraries continue to face an uphill battle for funding. Thank you to the libraries that took the time to hold a Snapshot Day and report the results!!

"Love the friendly environment you have at the library. You guys always have something going on here!"

Emmett Public Library

Total circulation for Snapshot Day at the Emmett Public Library was 328.



Author Derek Munson visited the Stanley Community Library.

62 patrons attended classes at the Burley Public Library on Snapshot Day.

"Libraries are the hub of a community! The people in this library are so good at keeping up with the interests of all."

Salmon Public Library

50 people used meeting rooms at the Salmon Public Library on Snapshot Day.



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