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

3D printing, wearable tech coming to more Idaho libraries

GREAT VISUALS   About two-dozen librarians from across the state are in downtown Boise today through Saturday learning how to operate, maintain, and troubleshoot new 3D printers and create basic electronics projects like breadboards and wearable technology.

WHO   The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), staff from 11 Gem State public libraries, David Ultis from Citizen Scientific Workshop, and mechanical engineer and Make Magazine contributor Nick Raymond with financial support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

WHAT   The third 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. Download a fact sheet with more details about the program at http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/FactSheet_0.pdf.

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 most visually compelling windows of opportunities are:
- **3D printing** — today, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1-4:45 p.m.
- **3D printing** — Friday, Sept. 26, 8:30-10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m.
- **Wearable tech** — Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.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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