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Hailey Librarian Receives Library Support Staff Certification from ALA

BOISE, ID – The Idaho Commission for Libraries is pleased to announce that LeAnn Gelskey from Hailey Public Library has completed her studies to fulfill the competency requirements of the American Library Association (ALA)-Allied Professional Association Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program. The LSSC Program offers library employees a new career path in the library profession and the opportunity to achieve recognition for their experience, increase their skills and knowledge, and enhance library service. To achieve certification, staff must achieve six of ten competency sets either through development of an online portfolio or taking approved courses. The competency sets are: Foundation of Library Service; Technology; Communication and Teamwork; Access Services, Adult Readers' Advisory Services; Cataloging and Classification; Collections; Reference and Information Services; Supervision and Management; and Youth Services.

“The Commission assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele,” State Librarian Ann Joslin said. “Well-trained staff is critical to improving library services and enhances a library’s contributions as a community anchor. We appreciate and support the efforts of the LSSC Program to make professional development opportunities accessible and affordable to library staff in our rural state and we congratulate LeAnn Gelskey on her commitment to excellence in library service.”

Currently, 10 Idaho library staff members are working toward their Library Support Staff Certification. The LSSC Program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services to ALA, and managed by the ALA-Allied Professional Association. Detailed additional information on LSSC is available on the LSSC website at www.ala-apa.org/lssc.

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