

VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. State Librarian – Information Item

- COSLA fall meeting, site visit
 - Library role in the 2020 Census / Utah’s Complete Count outreach strategy; ala.org/advocacy/govinfo/census
 - \$1 per capita LSTA funding effort
 - Site visit by COSLA’s executive director
- Age of Agility: Governor’s Conference on the Future of Work
- State Board of Education / Commission for Libraries Lumina Foundation Adult Promise grant application to pilot an approach for increasing adult access to a high-quality education for out-of-school adults, with a focus on veterans
- NASA@ My Library application; 19 applications for 10 grants to receive NASA STEM Facilitation Kits (*Sun-Earth-Moon Connections* and *Be a NASA Detective – Expanding your Senses*) to circulate among libraries, \$5,000 in cash, training, promo materials, and partnership opportunities with NASA organizations
- 2019 Futures Camp speaker: [Rolf Hapel](#), former director of the Aarhus, Denmark library and current University of Washington iSchool’s Distinguished Practitioner in Residence

B. Management Team – Information Item

Deputy State Librarian

- New LD staff – Emerging Trends Consultant and Youth Services Consultant
- Successes at the Idaho Library Association Annual Conference
- Update on the LiLI Databases. Two new databases were added to the existing offerings.
- Early STEM Grant and ICfL’s involvement
- Update on the northern field office
- New B-TIP program
- Take-aways from the Urban Library Council annual forum, Leading Forward

Administrative Services Manager

Financial:

- Projected spending is on track when compared with previous fiscal years.
- After a three-month delay, Division of Purchasing awarded new contracts for the LiLI databases. With only one additional glitch, which was addressed, the new contracts are now in force.

HR:

- After a very robust hiring season, it appears we’ll finally fill all positions by November.

Facilities:

- A broken geothermal pipe put 2-6 inches of water through most of the basement (9/27). The resulting damage was limited primarily to one section of the floor. Damage to goods and materials is estimated at less than \$500.

Program Supervisor

- On-boarding to ICfL as the Program Supervisor. Started August 22. Thankful and excited to be part of the team.
- Learning about the people and their responsibilities who report to me from within ICfL: public information, web design, web development, volunteers/recording, support staff, records management.
- As someone new to ICfL, I am asking questions about the why and how we do what we do with an eye on suggesting refinement of outcomes and practices. Participating in ICfL work team meetings, along with individual conversations, to better understand the connections across various roles in ICfL.
- Intentionally meeting with public librarians from around the state through Treasure Valley visits as well as stops along the drive to Moscow October 2 for the Idaho Library Association annual conference. With Northern and Eastern field consultants planning additional visits in the next few weeks. Asking librarians what resources ICfL and I can facilitate so that they achieve their goals (and asking what their goals are).
- Reaching out to existing library partners (e.g., Workforce Development Council, Idaho Rural Partnership, Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Humanities Council, Idaho Community Foundation, etc.) to explore expanded opportunities for collaborative efforts towards common goals among partners. Exploring connections with potential new partners.