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New Partnerships/Programs Supervisor at the ICfL

BOISE, Idaho -- The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) recently hired Amelia Valasek to fill the role of partnerships and programs supervisor.

In this role, Valasek conducts outreach and develops formal and informal partnerships with organizations whose interests align with those of Idaho libraries and the ICfL. As a member of the agency's management team, Valasek will also provide leadership and guidance in defining how the ICfL fulfills its mission to assist Idaho libraries in building capacity to better serve their communities.

Most recently, Valasek held the position of director of the Cascade Public Library. In that role, she oversaw the operations of a small library, including budget, personnel, grants, and working with the library board and community partners. Previously, Valasek worked for the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education, where she focused on compliance oversight and management of grant funds under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Valasek said, "I have greatly enjoyed the experience of managing a small, rural library, which has included many rewards, challenges, and the forging of community connections. But I am excited for the new opportunity at the ICfL, which is a role that will allow me to merge my love of libraries with my background in the public and nonprofit sectors."

State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White said, "We at the ICfL are very pleased to welcome Amelia to our staff. Aligning partnerships to help local communities is something Amelia has done throughout her career, and that type of partnership-building and outreach will be a big part of her responsibilities at the ICfL." Bailey-White added, "Plus, Amelia's experience as a library director uniquely positions her to understand and appreciate the needs of libraries as she creates and/or strengthens viable partnerships that benefit Idaho libraries and their communities."

For more on the Idaho Commission for Libraries and community partnerships, visit:

<https://libraries.idaho.gov/community-partners/>.

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) builds the capacity of the more than 850 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Idaho to better serve their communities through: statewide programming and resources, like Read to Me and Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI); consulting; continuing education; partnerships; and aid to underserved populations, such as the visually impaired through the Talking Book Service. For more information, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov>.