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Library Internship Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

BOISE, Idaho -- The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) is accepting applications from public libraries in Idaho for a summer intern grant. The grantees will receive \$1,000 to support a summer internship program in 2020. The deadline to apply is February 26, 2020.

The ICfL piloted the summer intern grant in 2019, with the goal of highlighting the library field as an attractive career option to the next generation of Idaho's workforce. The preexisting knowledge and skillsets of the 2019 interns varied, but many of them reported similar experiences with such things as their changing perceptions of library work.

ICfL Program Supervisor Randy Kemp said, "Initially, the interns thought the job consisted mostly of shelving books, but after experiencing the work, they understood the depth and breadth of what it takes to run a library -- from collection management and program creation, to media relations and community engagement."

For more information, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/community-partners/workforce-development/summer-intern-grant/>.

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