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ICfL Welcomes New Board Member

BOISE, Idaho -- The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) welcomes new board member Michael Strickland to its five-member board of library commissioners, the policymaking body for the ICfL.

Governor Little approved the appointment on July 23, 2019. The seat Strickland fills became vacant in April of this year, when ICfL board member Mark Alldredge left the board after five years of service.

Strickland was a high-school English teacher at INSPIRE Connections Academy until last spring. He has taught at Boise State University since 2008.

Strickland's experience also includes many years of teaching developmental writing and communication. Strickland said, "I have a profound passion for emerging technologies, as well as an appreciation of the role libraries play in youth and teen development."

Deputy State Librarian Stephanie Bailey-White said, "We are eager to welcome Michael Strickland to the Commission's board. His diverse background and passion for education -- and, of course, libraries -- will be a good fit for the ICfL and the Idaho library community."

Board of Library Commissioners Chair Dave Mecham said, "It has been a couple of years since our board has welcomed a new member, and we are looking forward to Michael's perspectives and experiences as we all continue to serve the Commission and Idaho's libraries in the best ways that we can."

Strickland's first ICfL board meeting will be August 15, 2019, to be held at the Commission's Boise office.

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