

## News Release



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### **Transforming Life after 50 Fellows at Portneuf and Marshall Libraries**

Chubbuck's Portneuf District Library and Pocatello's Marshall Public Library are pleased to announce that Karri Alderson and Amy Campbell have been selected as Fellows in the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Western Regional Fellowship, Transforming Life after 50.

Facilitated by a partnership between the Idaho Commission for Libraries, California State Library, Oregon State Library, and Washington State Library, the Fellowship will introduce 93 selected public library professionals from eleven states to a new framework for serving and engaging midlife adults, ages 50+. The Fellows will re-examine traditional views on aging and explore innovative ways in which public libraries can become centers of productive aging, lifelong learning, and civic engagement.

The Fellowship will run from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The year-long program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program.

After an introductory webinar in July, accepted Fellows will attend a three-day institute in September, followed by a six-month online learning community in building skills and completion of three online surveys over the course of the Fellowship. Fellows will also implement Transforming Life after 50 (TLA50) approaches in their own libraries, including locally appropriate programs and engagement strategies; help disseminate the TLA50 concepts to the library community; and become active members of the online TLA50 community of practice, sharing experiences and insights.

For more information about the Fellowship, go to:  
<http://www.transforminglifeafter50.org/innovators/imls-fellowship>.

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