STAFF SERVICE AWARDS
Congratulations to the following individuals for reaching their milestone service award achievements with Boise Public Library. I give my heartfelt thanks to each staff member who has contributed to the Library’s success in public service.

Twenty-five Years
Ed Harvey, Circulation

Fifteen Years
Zoann Halverson, Acquisitions & Technical Services
Sarah Kelley-Chase, Administration

Ten Years
Sherry Blanchard, Administration
Angela Bradley, Hillcrest Branch
Lorie Broumand, Information Services
Sonia Graff, Acquisitions & Technical Services
Heidi Lewis, Information Services
Kelley Miller, Circulation
Maria Riddle, Youth Services
Kathy Stalder, Acquisitions & Technical Service

Five Years
Aaron Branahl, Hillcrest Branch
Kathy Callahan, Circulation
Matthew Christman, Hillcrest Branch
Linda Elsey, Circulation
David Shiner, Maintenance
Corryne Tebo, Cole & Ustick Branch
Paige Thomas, Collister Branch

LIBRARY CAMPUS PROJECT
Negotiations continue on the schematic and design development contract/agreement with Safdie Design, CSHQA, and the City of Boise. The core project team hopes to begin schematic design in October and have begun organizational meetings with the design team to review scope, roles, and responsibilities.

Moshe Safdie visited Boise in September to discuss community places as catalysts in a community and delivered a keynote address to the Idaho Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Over 400 people attended the events. Many thanks to JUMP staff and library staff for coordinating this community event.

The Library’s planning team and the Arts and History team met with Carrie Yoon on September 24 to review space planning, adjacencies, and program elements to refine the interior concepts. The philanthropic case statement proof has been completed and is ready to move into production.
Administration and Management Reports:

ACQUISITIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES END-OF-YEAR UPDATES
In Fiscal Year 2018, Acquisitions and Technical Services (ATS) received 54,824 items, processed 59,079 new items, ordered 39,755 items, deleted 63,084 items, and bound, mended and repaired 115,369 items.

The bound periodicals titles A through L have been converted to RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) and have been entered into the catalog in preparation for storage in the automatic storage and retrieval system (ASRS). Fragile or temporarily bound volumes in this range have been rebound as part of this project. The remaining titles, M through Z, will be addressed with the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

LIBRARY! AT HILLCREST EXPANSION AND ANNIVERSARY
The expansion project that includes 3 new study rooms, a large community meeting room, and an office and program space for our partner Step Ahead is 99% complete. There is a minor punch list of items remaining, which includes tile restoration and a new counter space for public computers. To celebrate both the expansion and their 10-year anniversary, a party was held on Saturday, September 29. Over 300 customers attended and enjoyed games, crafts, storytimes, and cotton candy. Step Ahead was also open and customers were able to ask questions and explore their space.

LIBRARY! AT COLLISTER CONSTRUCTION
The capital repair and maintenance project to add an “all user restroom” at the Library! at Collister began on Monday, September 24. This project will add a third all user restroom for customers and staff. It is scheduled to be a 3-month project, funded from Capital Repair & Maintenance funds, which are appropriated by City Council. Additionally, another capital repair and maintenance project will replace all of the flooring materials in the public spaces at the Collister branch, including two restrooms and conference rooms. The project is scheduled to start in November/early December and is funded from Capital Repair & Maintenance funds, appropriated by City Council.

LIBRARY! AT COLLISTER GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD
Collister staff were invited to City Hall on Friday, September 28 to receive a Good Neighbor Award via the City’s Energize Our Neighborhoods Campaign. They were nominated by Suzanne Stone for their contributions to the Collister Community. Here is the nomination: The Library! at Collister has become a community asset that goes far beyond their books, computers, and media center. They have become the cornerstone of our neighborhood through hosting local meetings and special events that help bring neighbors together, and important STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and other key programs for our youth. The best part of the Collister Library is their wonderful staff who truly go out of their way to help every person who walks in the door. They are always cheerful and have such a can-do attitude that they make residents feel better just for visiting the Library. They have become a nexus for community events
and information that truly helps strengthen our sense of community and fellowship. I would like to nominate the Collister Library for the Good Neighbor award because they so deeply deserve it!

HOLDS KIOSK AT CITY HALL
This project will add a Holds Pickup service via a self-service kiosk for all city employees working at City Hall. Service will be provided 5 days per week (Monday – Friday) by library couriers. The service is anticipated to go live in November/early December.

AUTHOR EMILY RUSKOVICH AT THE LIBRARY! AT COLE & USTICK
The Library! at Cole & Ustick was delighted to host an author event with Emily Ruskovich on September 15. Ruskovich spoke about her writing process and about her bestselling, award-winning, debut novel, IDAHO. Rediscovered Books sold copies of the novel, and Ruskovich kindly signed books after the event. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and requested more author events in the future!

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
An Information Services Librarian attended the Women and Leadership Conference September 26 and 27 and spoke to over 700 attendees about library resources. The electronic resource Lynda.com drew a lot of interest as it helps people at all career levels learn business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Library card holders get access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging courses taught by recognized industry experts.

2018 IDAHO VIRTUAL REALITY COUNCIL IMMERSE-A-THON
Librarians from Information Services co-hosted the 2018 IVRC (Idaho Virtual Reality Council) Immerse-a-thon at the Main Library on September 22 and 23. Teams signed up under Student or Community categories and winning teams competed against each other for the Grand Prize. The winner will be announced at the Virtual Reality Bash on October 5.

MAKER MONDAYS AT MAIN
Information Services staff have begun “Maker Mondays,” an opportunity for community members to stop by the third floor on Mondays between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to use the large format printer or Epilog Zing 40-watt laser engraver to work on creative projects or try out the machines. Thanks to the Boise Public Library Foundation and all the participants in their $17 for ’17 campaign for their generous support of maker technology at the Library!

NEW FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH SERVICES AT MAIN
Youth Services started their fall program schedule that includes a full slate of familiar programs as well as the addition of the following new programs: Tinker Tots Stories & Play, Mini-Coders, Art Lab Junior (ages 3-5), Yoga Storytime, Tween Scene, and Teen Writers’ Group.