

Library Leadership Advisory Committee (LiLAC) Newsletter

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Icebreaker:

If you could have anyone be the spokesperson for your library, who would you have?

Answers:

- The Rock (Dwayne Johnson)
- Refugee teens
- Sam Elliott
- Michelle Obama
- Benedict Cumberbatch
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Chris Pratt
- Pinkalicious & Peterrific
- Barack Obama

Highlighted Book:

Leadership Step by Step: Become the Person Others Follow

By Joshua Spodek

A big shout out to Shirley Biladeau for all her hard work and dedication to this committee! We will deeply miss her guidance, influence and insight! Happy Retirement, Shirley! Get some rest and read all those books you've haven't had time to!

May 10, 2018 Meeting

The LiLAC group met on May 10, 2018 in Boise for another session of discussing library leadership.

Welcome to all our new members!

Thanks to all our outgoing members!

The main topic of discussion was a new idea created by Ann Joslin, Erin Downey and Shirley Biladeau at the Mid-Winter session of ALA. They came up with a new concept called "The Library Game of Life", based on the board game "The Game of Life". See page 2 for more information.

A genuine leader
is not a searcher
of consensus
but a molder
of consensus.

Martin Luther King

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Leadership Grants

The Idaho Commission for Libraries, has leadership grants available.

The grants can be used for a variety of different leadership development activities.

Check out their website at http://libraries.idaho.gov/leadership_grants for more information.

Check out these leadership related websites.

Better Library Leaders @ betterlibraryleaders.com

Ask a Manager @ www.askamanager.org

Library Game of Life Background

At the 2018 ALA Mid-Winter Annual Conference, Ann Joslin, Erin Downey, and Shirley Biladeau represented Idaho among other Region 8 participants. The goal of the workshop was to discuss the school library ecosystem and identify potential players who might help raise awareness of the value of school libraries and the role they play. After some discussion, they hit upon the idea that the ecosystem is much larger than just the school– it includes the entire community, which calls upon public and academic libraries to collaborate with school libraries.

To help raise awareness of this broad eco-

system, there are visions of repurposing the board game, “The Game of Life” to the “Library Game of Life” by identifying the major areas of the life span and correlating the role of the library. Currently the “Library Game of Life” stages have been identified and the LiLAC group is brainstorming what each of the stages looks like, as well as what the final product will be.

The shared priorities among all libraries are as follows:

- 1– Strengthen relations among all librarians.
- 2– Increase visibility of the library ecosystem.
- 3– Librarians solve others’ problems. We all

need to be at the table, provide solutions and move forward with aggressive helpfulness.

Project outcomes include:

- 1– Increase public visibility of the library ecosystem
- 2– Promoting dialogue among the various types of librarians.
- 3– Promote aggressive helpfulness throughout “Life”
- 4– Collect and share stories of library collaboration on ILA blog and LiLAC Facebook page.

This article was taken from the notes from the May 10, 2018 meeting. Note taker was Jenner Horton.

