2011 Transforming Life After 50

The TLA50 initiative, originally undertaken by the California State Library, was designed to help libraries better serve and engage midlife adults by positioning libraries as catalysts, resources, meeting places, and partners in creating opportunities for midlife adults to learn, teach, lead, build skills, prepare for new careers, and become civically-engaged.

The purpose of the TLA50 grant cycle is to assist libraries in initiating or enhancing TLA50 projects in their communities. Overall funding to support this grant cycle is \$25,000 with a limit of \$5,000 per application (limit of one application per library system.)

Grant: TLA50-001 Award: \$5,000 Organization: Whitman County Library Title: Meeting Midlife Needs

Abstract: Whitman County Library is committed to quality programs and services for residents over 50. Unfortunately, they've found that midlife adults participate less than other age groups. The *Meeting Midlife Needs* project will fund in-depth surveying of this group with the collected data being used to develop responsive programs, services and volunteer opportunities.

Grant: TLA50-003 Award: \$4,800 Organization: Everett Public Library Title: Living the Full Life after 50: Health, Learning, Transitioning & Life Options, Encore Careers, and Volunteering

Abstract: This TLA50 project will provide a series of 4-6 workshops, with priority focus on selections from these topics: Brain Health While Aging; Making Healthy Transitions to new Life Stages; *I've always wanted to...* Ways to Achieve Unfulfilled Goals; Encore Careers – Choosing, and *Retooling*; Giving Back – Discovering the Volunteer Role That Fits; Lifelong Learning – Scholar or Artisan, Finding Your Best-fit Learning Resource. If funding is sufficient, additional classes will also be offered for retooling skills, in computer software such as MS Word, or Excel.

In addition, an advisory team of midlife library patrons will be recruited to ensure that the library continues to receive input from and provide relevant services to this demographic once the grant period has ended.

Grant: TLA50-004 Award: \$5,000 Organization: Mid-Columbia Libraries Title: Transforming Midlife Adults into Digital Learners and Teachers

Abstract: The Benton City Library, in collaboration with the Horizons Community Leadership project, will engage midlife adults in the identification, development and delivery of digital learning programs. Midlife adults can use the training to re-enter or move up in the workforce, learn in retirement, or access information when they need it. In addition, a successful project will position the library as an important leader and partner in the city's strategic plan which focuses on enhancing the economy and quality of life in the community.

Grant: TLA50-005 Award: \$4,047 Organization: Kitsap Regional Library Title: Finding Work after Fifty

Abstract: Kitsap Regional Library will host a free, 3-part workshop at five branches. The first workshop will address strategies geared towards midlife job seekers; the second will provide training on online job searching and networking tools; and the third will offer guidance for midlife adults looking to start their own business.

Grant: TLA50-007 **/** Organization: Camas Public Library Title: Strengthening Boomers

Award: \$1,153

Abstract: By offering a variety of program opportunities, midlife adults will benefit through opportunities to reach lifelong learning goals, stimulate their minds and make social contacts. The library will strengthen its recognition as a center for lifelong learning and social activity as well as a source of information, books, video and sound recordings.

Grant: TLA50-008 Award: \$5,000 Organization: Sedro-Woolley Public Library Title: A Sampler of Library Services for Midlife Adults 50+

Abstract: This project is intended to help the Sedro-Woolley Public Library improve its services to midlife adults 50+ by trying new programming and events, forming a community coalition to address the needs of midlife adults 50+, and creating a new collection of books and materials for the Library on these topics.