## 2012 Transforming Life After 50 (TLA50)

The TLA50 initiative, originally undertaken by the California State Library, was designed to help libraries better serve and engage mid-life adults by positioning libraries as catalysts, resources, meeting places, and partners in creating opportunities for mid-life 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 \$30,000 with a limit of \$5,000 per application (limit of one application per library system.)

Round 2 (extended deadline June 29, 2012)

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-004 **Award:** \$5,000

**Organization:** Whitman County Library

Title: Changes—Programs for Adults in Transition

**Abstract:** WCL will host a series of programs at different locations throughout Whitman County tailored to meet the needs of the 50+ demographic. Based on a marketing survey recently completed for this age group, workshops will focus on health and wellness, options for new life stages, and technology.

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-005 **Award:** \$2,500

**Organization:** Sedro-Woolley Public Library

Title: A Further Sampler of Library Services for Midlife Adults 50+

**Abstract:** This grant will further extend the efforts of the Sedro-Woolley Public Library to enhance library services to adults over the age of 50+ by establishing a new level of programs and collections to meet the needs of that demographic.

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-006 **Award:** \$5,000

**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System

**Title:** Library Locavores

**Abstract:** In cooperation with community partners, a series of programs will be held at two WCLS branches. The focus of these programs is local learning and resources featuring area educational agencies, the Nooksack and Lummi tribes, and local businesses in the Ferndale and Deming areas. The topics for the "Library Locavores" series will be arts and culture (including learning languages), and outdoor life (including agriculture).

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-007 **Award:** \$2,500

**Organization:** Nisqually Tribal Library

Title: Give and Take: A Community Knowledge Sharing Program

**Abstract:** The program will facilitate events, occurring over each of the following seasons: Fall ~ assessment regarding services for Elders 50+, Winter ~ gathering Elder's stories about storysharing, Spring ~ read-together book group event (Elders only), Summer ~ training of Elders as volunteer readers to youth.

Round 1 (deadline April 27, 2012)

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-001 **Award:** \$5,000

**Organization:** Port Townsend Public Library

**Title:** >50 < 69 ENCORE

**Abstract:** Maneuvering through societal changes in mid-to-later life is challenging as people live longer and face transitions in occupations and life that are different than the previous generation. The library

will provide resources and knowledge to access new technologies and reinvent careers for mid-life adults. The library will plan and host an exposition utilizing resource specialists with an emphasis on creating greater IT fluency, developing and providing introductory computer classes, and sessions on career change for employment or business and retooling after fifty and beyond.

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-002 **Award:** \$5,000

**Organization:** Orcas Island Public Library

Title: Health and Wellness Week

**Abstract:** A week of programs, presentations, and displays for the mid-life adult, focused on the concept of active aging and taking charge of one's own fitness. Topics include arthritis education, back health, stress management, nutrition, and exercise.

**Grant:** 12-TLA50-003 **Award:** \$5,000

**Organization:** Camas Public Library

**Title:** Life, Part 2

**Abstract:** Based on feedback received in last year's 2011 TLA50 program evaluations (events in 2012) and research, Camas Public Library will offer up to sixteen programs on the topics of lifelong learning, finances, career options, volunteer opportunities, retirement planning, crafts, and healthcare issues for mid-life adults.