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**Twenty-two California Public Librarians Selected as
Transforming Life after 50 Fellows**

Sacramento – The California State Library has announced that twenty-two applicants from California public libraries have been selected as Fellows in the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Western Regional Fellowship: *Transforming Life After 50*.

The Fellowship will re-examine traditional views on aging and explore innovative ways for public libraries to become centers of productive aging, lifelong learning, and civic engagement. In all, 93 selected public library professionals from eleven states will be introduced to a new framework for serving and engaging midlife adults, ages 50+.

Led by a partnership among the California State Library, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Oregon State Library, and Washington State Library, the Fellowship runs 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 21st Century Librarian Program.

For a complete list of Fellows and to follow Fellowship activities over the coming year, visit:
<http://www.transforminglifeafter50.org/innovators/imls-fellowship>.

For more information about the Fellowship program, please contact Suzanne Flint, California State Library (sflint@library.ca.gov; 916-651-9796) or Stephen Ristau, Fellowship Coordinator, (stephenristau@gmail.com; 503-281-4305).

About the California State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library is celebrating its 160th anniversary as the main reference and research library for the Governor's office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. It supports California's public libraries by administering grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, broadband connectivity, civil liberties education, literacy and volunteering. For more information, visit www.library.ca.gov.

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