A note on sessions: This year, we are offering two of each session to give you more opportunities to hear from our fantastic presenters.

**Mingling and Refreshments: 9:00-9:20**

You are probably thinking that you will slip in right at 9:19, in time to get a back row seat but not be the last one there. Really, that is a bad idea. Often, your best mentors are your peers, and this is a time for you to connect. Come, get a snack and we will introduce you to new friends!

**Welcome & Update: What’s Up at ILA. Kate Lovan 9:20-9:30**

We are doing things (important things) and we want you to know about them.

**SESSION 1: 9:30-10:00**

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**SESSION 3: 12:30-1:30**

**Advocating for libraries and other ideals that we hold dear can be dispiriting in our current political context. Some might wonder how our local legislators can do what they do, even in the face of considerable and constant opposition. Our mystery legislator does just that! Come and find out how they do it!**

**Legislative Lunch: 11:40-12:30**

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**SWILA 2019: Celebrating Ann Joslin and 41 Years of Service to the Library Community.**
Creating a Welcoming and Inclusive Library Experience
Amy Vecchione, Associate Professor and Head of Emerging Technology and Experiential Learning, Albertsons Library, Boise State University

Library staff are constantly looking for information needs, and identifying ways that we can meet those needs, in our community. How do we serve the unique needs of our communities with inclusive excellence? In this presentation attendees gain practical suggestions on ways to meet the needs of diverse users. Attendees will learn about initiatives on the Boise State University campus around building competencies in diversity and inclusion.

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Margo Healy, Education Consultant & BPL Board & Foundation Member

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NETWORKING EVENT 3:00-5:00 PM

Come and celebrate Ann Joslin and 41 years of service to the library community! The event will take place at Kate Lovan and Alex Oden’s home (off Collister, in Boise), and will include light food and beverages, some of which will be of the adult variety.

Directions will be sent to registered SWILA attendees, and those who register separately for the networking event using the ILA website.

Co-hosted by Gretchen Casseroti and Mary DeWalt