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The Community Library Association (CLA) in Ketchum, Idaho, has announced the imminent departure of Executive Director Colleen Daly. A search committee will be formed to seek her successor.

Daly has accepted a position as the development director for the American Academy in Rome (AAR) commencing in February of this year. With activities in New York and Italy, and a budget of \$12 million per year, the AAR is the oldest American overseas center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities. Each year, through a national juried competition, the Academy offers approximately 30 Rome Prize fellowships.

Daly joined the CLA in May of 2005 and during her tenure was responsible for initiating and overseeing transformative change in the institution, internally and externally. The cultural programming, for which she took personal responsibility, grew from ten programs a year to 97 programs in 2011, a number of those offerings in collaboration with other local organizations including the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, the Sawtooth Institute, the Idaho Conservation League, and others.

As well, the Library recently installed a fiber-optic Internet connection, re-organized the management structure and renovated the administrative wing of the building, added key new staff members, including a deputy director of the Library, a collection development manager, and a development assistant. Also in 2011 Daly hired Craig Barry as manager of the Gold Mine.

William B. Lowe, chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed deep appreciation for Daly's outstanding service. "In her almost seven years at the helm, Colleen spearheaded the metamorphosis of our library into a vibrant cultural institution geared to serving the community's needs in a rapidly changing technological environment. We will miss her inspirational leadership."

Colleen Crain, who has served as development director of the Community Library Association since 2007, has been named as the interim executive director.

The Community Library, founded in 1955, is a public library funded entirely privately by donations from individuals and organizations as well as proceeds from the Gold Mine thrift store (which underwrites 30% of the Library's operating expenses). With a budget in excess of \$1.4 million, the Library has over 130,000 items in its collections and includes a Regional History Library, Children's Library, a Reference Department, 35 public-access computers, and a broad-ranging cultural program of lectures, panels, performances, and exhibitions.

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