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COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO BOOK DRIVE COLLECTS 1,000 BOOKS FOR COSSA



MEDIA ADVISORY – On Wednesday, May 8, a group of College of Western Idaho (CWI) employees completed the last delivery of books to help fill a new library at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) in Wilder. The books were donated as part of a three month long book drive resulting in the collection of over 1,000 books for the COSSA Regional Technology and Education Center. “CWI has furnished an impressive variety of books for our students, who wouldn’t otherwise have regular access to these resources,” says COSSA English Teacher, Paul Williams.

COSSA serves over 1,375 students each year, through special education, alternative education, and professional technical education. Prior to the CWI book drive, the school’s library was virtually non-existent. In addition to the books, CWI employees were also able to collect donated bookshelves to house the new COSSA library collection.

“When we heard COSSA had practically no library resources, we saw it as a tremendous opportunity to help a community partner,” says Lindsay Reynolds, a CWI employee who helped coordinate the book

drive. "In the end, we were able to supply a library full of valuable resources for the students at COSSA. It really was an incredible collaborative effort between the faculty, staff, and students of CWI, as well as other community members."

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About COSSA:

Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) is located at 109 Penny Lane in Wilder, Idaho. The COSSA Regional Technology and Education Center serves 1,375 students each year, including; 800 special education students, 200 alternative education students, 200 professional technical students, 125 gifted/talented students.

About College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information about the college, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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