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Kyle Cox is the executive director and chief librarian of Mid-Columbia Libraries, our region's public library system. Kyle has led Mid-Columbia Libraries since 2010. Under his leadership Mid-Columbia Libraries opened the West Pasco branch; remodeled the Pasco, Merrill's Corner (Eltopia), Prosser, and West Richland branches; deployed high-speed fiber optic connections to all communities served in the region; and was recognized as a finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. During his tenure, the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognized Mid-Columbia Libraries multiple times for excellence.

Kyle is a past president of Leadership Tri-Cities and the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia. He served on the secretary of state's Library Council of Washington from 2013 to 2018 representing large public library systems.

Kyle holds master's degrees in library and information science from San Jose State University and in public administration from the University of Idaho as well as bachelor's degrees from Washington State University. He has presented at local, state, and national conferences on various aspects of public sector management, leadership development, strategic planning and communication, and early literacy. A lifelong arts advocate, Kyle is involved with multiple local arts groups and performs annually with the Mid-Columbia Ballet.