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Cecil County Public Library Announces New Executive Director

North East, MD – Following a nationwide search, the Board of Library Trustees has announced the appointment of Rachel Fox Wright as the new Executive Director. With more than 15 years of experience at Cecil County Public Library, Ms. Wright is well poised to lead CCPL through the Library’s strategic plan, a plan she played an integral role in developing and which prioritizes expanded outreach, commitment to the community, innovation, and partnerships.

“I am confident that with Rachel’s leadership, the Library will continue to be a welcoming environment for all, where the community can access educational resources, programs, and spaces that inspire creativity, exploration, and expression,” stated Joanne Morton, Chair of the Library Trustees.

Ms. Wright joined CCPL in 2009 and has served in various leadership roles, including as the system’s first Youth Services and Outreach Manager. Ms. Wright was promoted to Associate Director in 2019 and named Interim Director in July 2024 when former Executive Director Morgan Lehr Miller was named Maryland State Librarian.

Ms. Wright has a demonstrated commitment to Cecil County, and her work was integral to helping design the new North East Branch Library, and especially in envisioning the spaces for children, teens, and families. Ms. Wright’s leadership and expertise has resulted in the development of several innovative initiatives in Cecil County, including the design and development of the inclusive Music and Play Garden at the Perryville Branch Library and the Our Town Early Literacy Center at the North East Branch Library. Additionally, Ms. Wright’s commitment to improving Mental Health outcomes for the community by leveraging grant funding and local partnerships has resulted in

expanded Mental Health First Aid training for Library staff, local agencies, and the community.

Wright's leadership and connection to the community extends beyond the walls of the Library. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Harford and Cecil Counties, and in 2022, was appointed by Governor Hogan to serve on the Statewide Early Childhood Council.

Ms. Wright holds a Master's degree of Library and Information Science from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Towson University.

"I am deeply honored to be named Executive Director for Cecil County Public Library," stated Wright.

"I look forward to working with the Board of Library Trustees and Library staff to ensure we are well prepared to address the needs of a diverse and evolving community. We will prioritize a culture of collaboration as we build on CCPL's past success and look to a bright future where the Library truly is the heart of a thriving Cecil County."

"Under her leadership, the Library will continue to be the place for the community to achieve their personal, educational, career, and workforce goals and one where all are dedicated to the Library's mission, vision, and values," commented Trustee Chair Morton.

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About the Library

The Cecil County Public Library is an award-winning education institution, recognized at the local, state and national levels for innovation, leadership and responsiveness to community need. The Library's mission to Champion Reading, Build Knowledge, Inspire Curiosity, and Connect Community is accomplished through its six branch locations and Bookmobile. With more than 320,000 visitors last year and over 830,000 materials checked-out, Cecil County Public Library is the heart of a thriving community.