

New executive director brings experience, leadership, and community mindset to Cecil County Public Library

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CECIL COUNTY — The Cecil County Public Library Board of Trustees announced Tuesday that they have hired a longtime CCPL employee as the organization's new Executive Director. Rachel Fox Wright, who has worked with CCPL for over 15 years, plans to continue prioritizing community, innovations, outreach, and partnerships as she takes the helm of the county's libraries.

Since joining in 2009, Wright has maintained numerous leadership positions with CCPL serving as the first Youth Services and Outreach Manager, getting promoted to the Associate Director in 2019, and the Interim Director in 2024, all of which have prepared her well for her new role.

"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.

When designing the new North East Branch Library, Wright helped create an inspiring space for community members to enjoy. Wright also aided in the development of the inclusive Music and Play Garden at the Perryville Branch Library, and the Our Town Literacy Center at the North East Branch Library.

Her dedication to meet community members' needs brought Wright to leverage grant funding alongside local partnerships to expand mental health first aid training for CCPL staff, local agencies, and the community.

"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 Morton.

In addition to her leadership in the library, Wright is also on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of both Harford and Cecil County. Wright even served on the Statewide Early Childhood Council when Governor Larry Hogan appointed her in 2022.

“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,” said Wright. “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.”