



PRESS RELEASE

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Elkton, MD - The Board of Trustees of the Cecil County Public Library is pleased to announce the election of new officers at their September 21st board meeting.

Steven Pearson, originally appointed to the Board of Trustees by the County Executive in 2014, was elected Chair. A lifelong Cecil County resident, he is a graduate of Perryville High School and Salisbury University. Mr. Pearson retired from the federal government in 2014, serving as the Director of the HHS Supply Service Center, Perry Point, MD, and currently works at the Ashley Addiction Treatment Center. He also served as a Town Commissioner from 1994 –1996 and as the Mayor of Perryville 1996 – 2004.

During his term as Mayor, he worked with CCPL to renovate the original library in Town Hall, as well as to secure a location and funding for the new Perryville Branch Library that opened in early 2008. As a Trustee, he has served on the design and construction management selection committees for the new North East Branch Library (scheduled to open in 2021) and has offered valuable insights throughout the process. “As a life-long Perryville and Cecil County resident, I have a strong interest in the well-being and prosperity of our county. The Library serves a pivotal role in shaping our county’s future,” stated Mr. Pearson, who resides in Perryville with his wife, Carol. Mr. Pearson was a member of the Board of Trustees when CCPL was awarded the National Medal, the country’s highest honor for libraries, in a special ceremony at the White House.

Ms. Joanne Morton was elected as Vice Chair. Appointed to the Board of Trustees by the County Executive in 2016, her connection to Cecil County Public Library began as a page at the Elkton Branch for 3 years while attending Elkton High School. After graduating from Dickinson College, Ms. Morton worked as a microbiologist and then as an adjunct professor at Washington College. Ms. Morton currently homeschools her 3 children and is able to share the perspectives of a young family, who, at any given time averages about 100 books checked out. “The library’s role is to provide information, learning, and technology access to our community, allowing it to strengthen and grow. I have been very impressed with how the library has continuously adapted by providing digital resources,

contactless services, online classes and virtual programs throughout the pandemic. The library has always been such a great resource for our family; serving on the Board is my way of giving back,” Ms. Morton said. She currently resides in the Chesapeake City area with her husband Wayne and children.

Phyllis Kilby was reelected as Treasurer. Appointed to the board in 2017, she served as a Cecil County Commissioner from 1998 to 2006, and was the president of Kilby Cream, a family-owned and operated dairy farm and creamery, with her husband, Bill. Ms. Kilby has served on numerous boards including as President of the Rural Maryland Council and President of the Upper Shore Regional Council. Ms. Kilby currently serves on the Board of Citizens for Maryland Libraries and has been nominated as their Vice President.

The Library Board of Trustees operates under the Laws of Maryland, Title 23 of the Education Article. Trustees are appointed by the County Executive, approved by the County Council and serve a 5 year term. CCPL’s mission is to Champion Reading, Build Knowledge, and Inspire Curiosity. More than 60,000 Cecil County citizens are library cardholders. For more information about the library system, please visit www.cecil.ebranch.info.

Contact information, Board of Trustees meeting schedules and Board Applications (when recruiting) are available on our website - <https://www.cecil.ebranch.info/about-us/board-of-trustees/>

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Back Row, L to R: Steven Pearson, Ken Wiggins, Jonathan Stauffer, Morgan Miller (Director)

Front Row, L to R: Tanya Area, Phyllis Kilby, Linda Burris (Joanne Morton is not pictured.)