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Morgan Miller to Lead the State Library Agency as Next Maryland State Librarian

North East, MD – The Board of Library Trustees is proud to announce that Executive Director Morgan Miller has accepted the position of Maryland State Librarian and will head the Maryland State Library Agency as of the end of June.

In Ms. Miller's new role as State Librarian, she will lead the State Library Agency by providing direction, development, and funding support to the state's 192 public libraries, oversee the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, the State Library Network, the State Library Resource Center and the three regional library systems, the Library Capital Grants Programs, the Deaf Culture Digital Library, as well as serve as chief advocate for all types of libraries and their contributions to literacy, information access, and lifelong learning. She will be the fourth person in the state's history to hold this position.

"Throughout my 19 years with CCPL, I have gained many lessons, experiences, relationships and memories to carry with me into this next chapter of championing the powerful work of libraries at the state level," Miller stated. "I'm excited to share so much of what we've done here in Cecil County on a larger stage."

Ms. Miller was raised in Cecil County and graduated from Rising Sun High School, prior to earning degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park and Drexel University. She began her professional career in the publishing industry before joining the Cecil County Public Library as Adult Services Library Associate in 2005. She spent the following years working her way up through the library system, eventually becoming Executive Director in 2016. Among her accomplishments, Ms. Miller led the charge to design and construct a new 43,000-square-foot library branch and administrative headquarters in North East. She oversaw the development and implementation of the library system's Strategic Plan, which focuses on advancing 21st-century library services, spaces,

staff and support. She incorporated new technology and automation strategies including RFID, automated materials handlers, a redesigned website, enhanced self-check and user apps that allow the organization to devote staffing to high-value tasks and direct service to customers. Her leadership of the library system during the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the development of new, innovative service delivery models to the community. Ms. Miller chartered the Friends Foundation of CCPL, a 501(c)(3), to enhance library funding and advocacy support, in addition to her concerted efforts to develop partnerships within the community, increase staff diversity and grow outreach efforts.

During Ms. Miller's leadership tenure, CCPL has come to be recognized as one of the top library systems in the country, including being awarded the IMLS National Medal for Libraries. The library system has also received accolades from the local and state chambers of commerce, the NAACP, the Maryland Library Association, Citizens for Maryland Libraries, and was awarded the Maryland Association of Counties' Champion in Innovation Award. Ms. Miller has been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women (2022) and a Leading Woman (2021) by the Maryland Daily Record.

Library Trustee Chair Joanne Morton stated, "We are so proud of Morgan, her success and the achievements she has accomplished as an employee and leader of our national award-winning Library system. We know she will lead Maryland's Libraries to the next level and set an example nationwide."

The Trustees have appointed Associate Director Rachel Wright to serve as CCPL's Interim Director. The search for a new Executive Director will commence this fall.

The mission of the Cecil County Public Library is to champion reading, build knowledge, inspire curiosity and connect community.

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