

PRESS RELEASE

WRL Board of Trustees Appoints Interim Library Director

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Dec. 22, 2023) – The Williamsburg Regional Library’s (WRL) Board of Trustees appointed Assistant Library Director Sandy Towers as Interim Library Director, effective Jan. 1.

Towers, stepping in after Library Director Betsy Fowler retires at the end of December, has served for four years as Assistant Director. She spent five years as the Youth Services Director at the library before assuming her current role. During her tenure, Towers played a pivotal role in the creation of the Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio and spearheaded multiple award-winning programs and services.

“With years of extensive experience within our library system, Sandy Towers possesses the vision, knowledge, and commitment essential for leading our award-winning library system during this transitional period,” said Nina Simone, WRL Board Vice Chair Acting as Chair. “The Board of Trustees are confident that under her capable guidance, the library will continue to thrive until a new Director is named.”



Photo: Sandy Towers; image available upon request.

Thanks to strong leadership, outstanding staff, and extensive support from the local jurisdictions, Friends of WRL Foundation, and the community, WRL has maintained a Star Library rating for over a decade and was honored with the prestigious 2023 Virginia Library of the Year award by the Virginia Library Association.

The Board of Trustees is in the process of starting the search for a new Director.

The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is an award-winning regional library system that consists of the Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. in Williamsburg, the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. in James City County, the Stryker Center on N. Boundary St. in Williamsburg, and its Mobile Library Services vehicles. The WRL service area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

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