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**BRIDGES LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR**

*Brittany Larson Will Succeed Karol Kennedy as Director of Multi-County Library System*

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** – Bridges Library System’s Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the selection of Brittany Larson as the new director of Bridges Library System. Larson has been the library director at Muskego Public Library since 2017. System board trustees unanimously endorsed Larson as their choice.

“Brittany brings the experience and vision needed to help meet the diverse needs of libraries across Waukesha and Jefferson counties, regardless of their size,” said Linda Ager, president of the Bridges Library System Board of Trustees. “Her knowledge of library operations, skills in strategic planning, and ability to build strong community relationships will support Bridges' mission to foster collaboration and innovation across the system.”

Larson began her library career at Carroll University’s library in 2003. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2009 and performed several roles at the Carroll University library before being appointed interim library director in 2015. Larson accepted the director position at Muskego Public Library in 2017, and because the Muskego Public Library is in the Bridges Library System, she has worked with Bridges Library System staff extensively over the years while in the role.

“I am honored to become part of the Bridges Library System team and work with the public libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson counties that are part of the Bridges Library System,” Larson said. “I believe libraries are essential for our communities, and I look forward to supporting their missions for years to come.”

The current system director, Karol Kennedy, is retiring in early June after serving the organization for five years. “I have no doubt that the system will continue to thrive under Brittany’s skilled leadership,” said Kennedy. Larson will begin her role at Bridges Library System on June 4.

**About Bridges Library System**

Bridges Library System is a network of 24 public libraries serving Jefferson and Waukesha counties in southeastern Wisconsin. By providing shared resources, technology, and cooperative services, Bridges Library System strengthens communities, expands access, and supports member libraries to better serve their patrons. For more information visit [www.bridgeslibrarysystem.org](http://www.bridgeslibrarysystem.org).

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