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(Photo Caption: Cheryl Kennedy, Chief Librarian, Glendale Public Libraries – Photo by Valerie Rupp)

Glendale Libraries Welcome Cheryl Kennedy As Chief Librarian

Glendale, Ariz. — The City of Glendale is pleased to announce the appointment of Cheryl Kennedy as chief librarian. Kennedy will oversee daily library operations at all three library locations.

“The city is fortunate to have Cheryl as its new chief librarian,” says Erik Strunk, executive director of Parks, Recreation and Library Services. “She is customer-service oriented and will actively explore new innovations to ensure Glendale’s library system remains useful and relevant to all.”

Kennedy has been with the Glendale library system since 1999, serving as adult reference supervisor, library manager, and most recently as interim library director after the retirement of former director, Sue Komernicky.

As library manager, Kennedy oversaw multiple departments including circulation, automation and information technology.

“Libraries are constantly changing,” says Kennedy, “and I’m very excited about this opportunity to help lead the Glendale libraries into the digital age.”

Kennedy brings over 18 years of library experience to the position. Prior to Glendale Public, Kennedy served as library director and deputy library director at Page Public Library in Page, Arizona. While there, she was instrumental in the completion of the library, partnering with Coconino Community College in order to provide computers, electronic resources and the development of a medical library in partnership with the Page Hospital.

Kennedy received her Masters of Library Science degree from the University of Arizona and holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University. She is a member of the Arizona Library Association, and serves as Chair for the Louise Stephens Scholarship Committee.

The Glendale Public Library system includes three locations, the Main Library at 5959 W. Brown Street, the Velma Teague Branch Library at 7010 N. 58th Avenue and the Foothills Branch Library at 19055 N. 57th Avenue.

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