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Dear Multnomah County employees,

I am pleased to announce that Vailey Oehlke, currently deputy director of Multnomah County Library, has been selected as the agency's next director of libraries.

Vailey was selected from a national search candidate pool as the clear choice for this critical leadership position. Each of the finalists from this search went through an intensive 2-day interview process that included meetings with Chair Wheeler, Board of County Commissioners staff, members of The Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, County employees and many interested community participants.

A longtime library professional, Vailey began her career at Multnomah County Library in 1997 as a youth librarian in the School Corps program, working with educators and students in the schools. She then joined the staff of the downtown Central Library, first as a section administrator and then as its director. Appointed the library system's deputy director in 2008, Vailey currently oversees the library's direct services, including Central Library, the 16 branch libraries, various outreach programs, and planning for the two new libraries in Troutdale and Kenton.

Her background also includes experience as a librarian with the Beaverton City Library, the ITT Technical Institute and the Oregon City Public Library. She received her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1988 and her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1992. Vailey is an active member of the American Library Association and the Oregon Library Association.

Vailey succeeds retiring director Molly Raphael. Vailey will begin her new position May 1, subject to the approval of the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners.

Congratulations to Vailey on her new leadership role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jana McLellan', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jana McLellan
Chief Operating Officer