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The Community Library Network Board of Trustees has selected Martin Walters as Library Director. Martin is an accomplished librarian with 20 years' experience in leadership positions at public, academic, and school libraries. He was a finalist in the 2023 CLN Library Director search and the

board is pleased to have him serve in this important position. He has experience as a library director at three major libraries in Canada with five years in his current role in Bow, New Hampshire. He holds a Masters in English Literature from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Library Science from the University of British Columbia. Martin expressed, “that he brings a passion for the unparalleled value of public libraries”. Martin succeeds Alexa Eccles who served as Library Director for thirteen months. Martin will assume his new role in mid-September and will be relocating from New Hampshire to North Idaho.

Assistant Director Lindsey Miller-Escarfuller will serve as Interim Director from July 8 until mid-September. During that time, the board will be focused on developing and approving the FY25 budget. “Assistant Director Miller-Escarfuller has been very helpful in speeding up the work of the board. She presented, for board approval, a more sustainable budget with reasonable suggestions that should completely balance the budget”, said Board Chair Ottosen.

In addition, the Board of Trustees appointed Karen Campbell to fill the trustee vacancy when Katie Blank resigned in June. The term will end in June 2025. “I believe what I can bring to the table as a Trustee is my love for the library, protection for the children, being attentive to the statutes required and making decisions concerning the budget”, said Campbell.

Yasmin Harris was appointed to fill the role of Treasurer. Yasmin has a background in business and finance. When expressing her desire to serve as Treasurer she stated, “I enjoy serving my community and am interested in CLN because I love books and would love the opportunity to get to know our local libraries better. I believe that libraries are an invaluable resource, and one which I want my children to value as well.”

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