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ROB EVERETT NAMED NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Rob Everett has been selected as Springfield's new Library Director and is expected to start in June.

Everett currently serves as the Principal Librarian-Public Services Manager for the Eugene Public Library. He brings many years of library management experience and a solid history of building positive relationships with the community and his staff. He has a Master's of Librarianship degree from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Oregon.

Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi said the choice was made after an extensive national search, attracting more than 20 candidates, including two highly qualified internal applicants. "I'm very proud of the quality of experienced professionals interested in Springfield," said Grimaldi. "Rob's wealth of experience, commitment to customer service and energy made him the top choice."

Rob, a fifth-generation Oregonian, is married to Cathy Glaudin and they have two grown sons, Andy and Kyle Everett. Rob worked for a short time at the Springfield Public Library as a Library Technician from 1983-1984.

"I am honored and excited to be joining a library staff committed to excellent service, a city organization that views the library as an important component in its downtown renaissance and a community that just celebrated 100 years of library service in grand style," said Everett. "I can't wait to get started!"

The Library Director position has been vacant since last November. Debbie Steinman, Library Manager, has served in the interim role. “I want to thank Debbie and our great Library staff for their work and assistance during the hiring process,” said Grimaldi. “We are lucky to have such a great group of employees.”