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LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIRES

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 6, 2013) Elliot A. Drew, Library Director for the City of Suffolk retired effective February 1, 2013. Drew came to Suffolk in 1986 as Director, after having served as the Assistant Director of the Appomattox Regional Library in Hopewell, Virginia for a number of years.

Drew was the first library director to oversee Morgan Memorial Library after its move to its present location. In the 1990s, Drew oversaw the computerization of the Library's circulation system, technical services and public catalog and also began using the resources of the internet.

In commenting on his retirement, City Manager Selena Cuffee-Glenn stated, "Elliot has done a tremendous job assisting generations of citizens of Suffolk in fulfilling their recreational, informational and cultural needs by promoting, encouraging and supporting a lifelong interest in reading. We thank him for his many years of service, and wish him a happy, well-deserved retirement".

Julie Darnell has been named Interim Library Director. She first came to the City of Suffolk as a children's librarian in 2006 and helped open the North Suffolk Library in 2007. Since that time, she has taken on more responsible roles as the Public Services Manager and Branch Manager at the North Suffolk Library.

Julie obtained her Bachelor of Arts in History from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and her Masters of Library Science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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