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Orange County Library System selects new Library Director/CEO

(Orlando, Florida – August 29, 2022) Orange County Library System’s Board of Trustees has selected Steve Powell to become its new Library Director/CEO. He has been serving as the library’s Interim Director/CEO and COO since January.

He was selected from among three finalists for the position, all of whom had impressive backgrounds in library service. After an eight-month-long search, interviews by the library’s Director Search Committee in July and final interviews on August 20, the Board agreed that Powell was the right choice to lead Orange County Library System into the future.

“What made Steve stand apart from the other candidates was the institutional knowledge he brings to the role, and the initiative he has taken over the past seven months as Interim Director,” said Crockett Bohannon, President of the library’s Board of Trustees. “He worked hard to not just keep things running smoothly at the library, but to keep things moving forward while waiting for a new director to be selected. Steve’s commitment to Orange County Library System and his fresh approach to how we serve our community is inspiring. I am excited about the future of the library under his leadership.”

Accomplishments during his tenure as Interim Director include finalizing leases for new branches in both the Lake Nona and Horizon West communities; making changes that allow farmworkers and kids living in foster homes to have access to library services; and extending automatic renewals for library materials, which reduces the likelihood that library users will be burdened with late fees. He also introduced a Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee to help the library cultivate an environment in which everyone in the community and on staff feels like they belong.

Powell has been with Orange County Library System since 2007, when he was hired to take the role of Service Manager. He was promoted to Facilities and Operations Department Head in 2011, and in 2018, he was named the library’s Chief Operating Officer. He was appointed to the role of Interim Director/CEO in January 2022, which has given the library’s staff, board and community partners a chance to get to know him better.

About Orange County Library System

Orange County Library System is a public library system that operates 15 locations in Orange County, Florida. Its mission is to create a learning environment that fosters personal growth and development so that customers have opportunities to learn, explore and become the best that they can be. For more information about the Orange County Library system, visit ocls.info. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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