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Susan Hildreth to start as State Librarian of California August 2nd

SACRAMENTO — On Thursday, July 15, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Susan Hildreth the State Librarian of California. Hildreth will start at the California State Library on Monday, August 2, 2004. Hildreth follows Dr. Kevin Starr who retired April 1, 2004.

Hildreth has had a distinguished career in public librarianship, most recently serving as City Librarian at San Francisco Public Library. She was Sacramento's Deputy Library Director, County Librarian in Placer County and Library Director in Benicia. Currently, Hildreth is President of the California Library Association and is active in the American Library Association. At the California State Library, Hildreth worked as a Principal Librarian in the Library Development Services Bureau from 1996 to 1998.

While working at the California State Library, Hildreth "saw the big picture of public service trends and statewide initiatives."

Of her return to the California State Library as State Librarian of California, Hildreth says, "I look forward to seeing where the California State Library is now and helping it move forward into the 21st century."

Governor Schwarzenegger says of Hildreth's appointment, "I am confident that Susan will continue the tradition of inspiring, educating and informing Californians through the tremendous resource of our state libraries...She shares my commitment to education and to preserving our state's rich cultural heritage and I know she will use her tremendous experience as a librarian to enhance and strengthen California's public libraries."

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