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Governor Schwarzenegger appoints Deputy State Librarian

Sacramento - Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Stacey Aldrich Deputy State Librarian. Aldrich will start at the California State Library on Monday, August 6, 2007. Most recently Assistant Director of the Omaha Public Library, Aldrich will work closely with State Librarian Susan Hildreth to develop the state library’s service program.

As Deputy State Librarian, Aldrich will assist Hildreth in overseeing the California State Library’s programs and managing the operation of the library’s $89.7 million budget. She will directly manage the Library Development Services Bureau, which is responsible for the distribution of all federal and state local assistance. Aldrich will also advise the State Librarian on new initiatives and major statewide library program directions.

Of Aldrich’s appointment, State Librarian Hildreth says, “Stacey Aldrich has a richly deserved national reputation as both an innovative library futurist, and as an inspiring, and creative library leader. I am most grateful to the Governor for having appointed her, and am excited to bring Stacey to California so that the library community can benefit from her vision and experience.”

In California in 2007, Aldrich served as a presenter for Infopeople, the state’s premier professional library training organization. For Infopeople, Aldrich delivered seven workshops to a total of 146 librarians as part of the library leadership series, “Building Leadership Skills: Planning for the Future.”

Aldrich has over 15-years experience in the administration and development of the nation’s libraries. Since 2005, as Assistant Director of the Omaha Public Library, she has not only been responsible for a $9.8 million budget and staff of 150, but has also led that urban library system as it has implemented emerging electronic library service programs. Between 1996 and 2005, Aldrich, as Branch Chief of Public Libraries and State Networking Branch for the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library - MORE -
Development and Services, helped provide leadership, research, training, and planning to Maryland’s twenty-seven public library systems. Aldrich has also worked at the Washington DC futuring think-tank, Coates and Jarratt, Inc., and the Hood College Library in Frederick, Maryland, where, from 1992-1996, she helped integrate new library technologies, and created and maintained the library website.

Aldrich is a member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, the Nebraska Library Association, and the Association of Professional Futurists. She has a Master of Arts in Librarianship and a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Literature from the University of Pittsburgh.

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