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Stacey Aldrich Appointed State Librarian of California

Sacramento – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Stacey Aldrich as State Librarian of California on November 13, 2009.

“Stacey is truly an expert in her field and California is lucky to have her as the State Librarian,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “She’s the perfect person to maintain the excellent quality of services and access to accurate and up-to-date information Californians expect and receive every time they visit our library.”

Aldrich was appointed Acting State Librarian in February 2009, and also served as Deputy State Librarian from August 2007 forward. As Acting State Librarian, she directed a staff of 155, oversaw a budget of \$80 million, and worked with state and local officials on library bonds, programs, and initiatives. Aldrich was instrumental in obtaining financial support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a major broadband initiative for California’s public libraries.

“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to take on the position of State Librarian,” said Aldrich. “I will use my experience to uphold the California State Library’s tradition of preserving our history and connecting Californians to the information they need to be successful.”

Prior to joining the State Library, Aldrich served as Assistant Director of the Omaha Public Library from 2005 to 2007, Branch Chief of Public Libraries and State Networking for the Maryland State Department of Education from 1996 to 1999, and 2000 to 2005, and as Senior Associate at Coates & Jarratt, Inc., a futuring think tank, in 2000. She served as Information Technology Librarian for Hood College Library in Frederick, Maryland, from 1992 to 1996.

Aldrich earned a Master of Arts in library science and a Bachelor of Arts in Russian language and literature from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a board member of the Association of Professional Futurists, and holds memberships in the American Library Association, Public Library Association, California Library Association, and Beta Phi. *Library Journal* named Aldrich one of the library profession’s Movers & Shakers in 2003. An engaging futurist, speaker, and workshop facilitator, Aldrich challenges librarians to envision and actively shape the future of libraries.

Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor’s office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. It supports California’s public libraries by administering federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteerism, and broadband connectivity.