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Cismowski Appointed Chief of State Library Services Bureau

Sacramento – State Librarian of California Stacey Aldrich has announced the appointment of David Cismowski as Chief of the State Library Services (SLS) Bureau of the California State Library. Cismowski had been Supervising Librarian II of the Government Publications Section of the State Library since December 2008. His new appointment was effective December 2, 2009.

As SLS Bureau Chief, Cismowski will oversee administration of the public face of the California State Library. SLS consists of five sections that provide information services to California state government and to the general public: the California History Room, Government Publications, Information Services, Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Sutro Library in San Francisco. SLS also contains the Braille and Talking Book Library, which provides specialized reading and information services to clients who are unable to read standard print materials, as well as Special Collections, Preservation, and the Cataloging and Acquisitions Section.

“We are so excited that David Cismowski has accepted this important position,” said Aldrich. “David brings experience, thoughtfulness, and vision for building the future of State Library Services.”

As Senior Librarian of the Government Publications Section from 2005 to 2008, and Librarian from 2000 to 2005, Cismowski administered the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) at the State Library, managing the most comprehensive U.S. regional document collection in the state. As Regional FDLP librarian, he consulted with 84 Federal selective depository libraries to coordinate statewide FDLP operations. Cismowski continues to serve on the Depository Library Council to the U.S. Public Printer. Prior to joining the State Library, Cismowski served as Library Director of the Del Norte County Library District. He earned a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University in 2000.

Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the state’s 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.

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