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State Librarian appoints Assistant Chief of Library Development Services

Sacramento - State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth today announced that she has appointed Gerald "Gerry" Maginnity assistant chief of the California State Library's Library Development Services (LDS) bureau. Maginnity has been coordinator of the Sacramento-based Mountain Valley Library System since 1989. His permanent appointment at the California State Library is effective immediately.

Maginnity will work with LDS chief Tom Andersen, administering various state and federal programs, including the Public Library Fund, the California Library Services Act, and California Library Literacy Services. Maginnity will have direct oversight of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program and will supervise LDS consulting staff.

Maginnity was assistant county librarian in Fresno for seven years, before which he worked for the Solano County Library, the Serra Cooperative Library System, and the Lassen County Library.

Andersen says, "Gerry brings to LDS excellent management capabilities as well as outstanding knowledge of LSTA grant activity at the local level. His experience with California Library Services Act (CLSA) system operations and his background with California public libraries will make him an asset to the California State Library."

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