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Albany Public Library Names New Executive Director

ALBANY, NY – The Albany Public Library (APL) Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Scott C. Jarzombek as the organization’s executive director at its regular meeting tonight (June 10).

Jarzombek, who currently serves as director of the North Castle Public Library in Armonk, NY, will start at Albany Public Library on June 23. He replaces Carol Nersinger, who retires later this month after five years of service at APL.

“The board and I are very excited to have Scott join us,” said APL Board of Trustees President Holly McKenna. “He has many new ideas to elevate APL's status in the community and bring more and more people through our doors. He has great vision for our future and wants to improve the lives of our city’s, and our region’s, residents.”

Jarzombek is not new to the city of Albany or Albany Public Library. He started his professional career at APL and served as a branch librarian, primarily at the Howe Branch in the city’s South End, from 2000 to 2009. During his tenure at Howe, “Mr. Scott” was a fixture in the community, created an award-winning summer technology camp for teenagers, and helped plan the complete overhaul of that historic branch library. Jarzombek has owned and maintained a house in Albany for close to a decade.

“I am very excited to return to Albany,” Jarzombek said. “While I have enjoyed my time with other organizations, my heart has always been with APL.”

Jarzombek has held two library directorship positions in the past several years. During his time at North Castle Public Library, he expanded that library’s public space and access, created a leadership team, and developed a marketing plan. He also directed the Pawling Free Library where he established the library as a digital “shelter” during major weather events, expanded programming and public space, and created a mobile computer lab for digital literacy instruction.

He believes in the concept of modern public libraries where everyone has access to information and resources to better their lives.

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“There are so many great things about modern libraries, especially when you think about them as the third place. I love the fact that you can visit any of our branches and see how we have become the community’s meeting place,” Jarzombek said. “As the world becomes digitized, the library’s role in our democracy becomes even more important. We bridge the divide for so many members of our community.”

Jarzombek earned a bachelor’s degree in history and secondary education from the University of Hartford (CT) and a master’s degree in library science from the University at Albany. He is a member of the New York Library Association.

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Albany Public Library (APL) educates, entertains, and empowers our community. APL operates seven award-winning branches serving the residents of Albany. Each month, about 75,000 people use the libraries to borrow materials, attend programs, access computers, and research information. More than 90,000 books, DVDs, and other materials are circulated each month. Visit APL online at www.albanypubliclibrary.org. And, look for the free “Albany Public Library Mobile” app for Apple and Android devices.

