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### **Library Appoints New CEO/Chief Librarian**

**Brantford** – The Brantford Public Library has appointed a new CEO/Chief Librarian.

The Library Board appointed Rae-Lynne Aramburo to the position of CEO/Chief Librarian following an intensive search process.

“After a meticulous and thorough search process, the Library Board determined that Rae-Lynne’s leadership style, focus on customer-service excellence and broad-based experience make her the ideal candidate to lead Brantford Public Library into the future,” said Brantford Public Library Board Chair Marion McGeein.

Aramburo joined the Brantford Public Library in November, 2015 as Manager, Customer Engagement and has been Acting CEO/Chief Librarian since former CEO Kathryn Goodhue retired at the end of May 2018.

“We’ve selected someone who will be able to guide important initiatives currently underway, while creating new opportunities that build on the Library’s vision and strategic plan,” said McGeein. “Rae-Lynne’s strong relationship-building skills, her proven ability to turn plans into action – most recently with responsibility for implementing the new service delivery model – coupled with her enthusiasm for gaining understanding of the community and its needs, equip her to move into this leadership role.”

The Brantford Public Library Board retained the services of Leaders International to undertake a national search for the new CEO.

“I am honoured to lead this trusted institution. The staff’s passion and skill for providing high-quality resources, information, and programming to enrich the lives of our community members inspires me,” said Aramburo. “Together, we will continue to build on Brantford Public Library’s long-standing reliable services and community connections, to respond to the needs of Brantford and to foster discovery and growth.”

Aramburo worked at Welland Public Library as the Electronic Services Librarian and at St. Catharines Public Library in Adult and Information Services prior to joining the Brantford Public Library. In addition to these roles, Rae-Lynne worked at Nunavut Arctic College in Iqaluit for eight years, with six years in the position of Manager of Library Services.

Originally from British Columbia, she is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and received her Master of Library Information Studies from Dalhousie University. She is currently pursuing a Certificate in Public Library Leadership through Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS).

### **About the Brantford Public Library**

The Brantford Public Library connects the community through innovation, discovery and creativity. Last year, the Library had more than 700,000 virtual and in-person visits and staff answered nearly 60,000 reference questions. The Library also offers a range of programs for people of all ages and provides a number of online services that promote creativity and life-long learning.

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