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## **Library CEO Announces Retirement**

**Kathryn Goodhue to retire after four years with Brantford Public Library**

**Brantford** – Today, the Brantford Public Library Board regrettably announces that Chief Executive Officer and Chief Librarian Kathryn Goodhue, will, after much thought and consideration, retire effective May 31, 2018.

Since joining the Brantford Public Library as CEO and Chief Librarian in 2014, Goodhue has established a new service delivery model, which promotes barrier-free access for all, and has worked within the community to find solutions to help marginalized groups – including those experiencing addictions, homelessness and mental health.

“I want to thank Kathryn for her leadership and wish her well in the next journey of life,” says Board Chair Marion McGeein. “Kathryn has provided strong leadership by undertaking the implementation of a new service model, setting in place a strong management team and facilitating effective community connections.”

Goodhue also provided leadership to a dedicated team that lives and breathes the Library’s mission and vision and plays an integral role in the everyday running of such a successful organization.

“Kathryn believes that the structure is in place to re-animate the community’s interest in the Library and to set the bar for other libraries as to how to reach out and connect with current and future customers.”

Goodhue also provided essential guidance as the Library continued to evolve to serve the changing needs of the community.

“I’ve enjoyed my time with Brantford Public Library and have had the privilege to work with staff who are committed to offering great library service to the Brantford community,” says Goodhue.

“I look forward to seeing where they can take the Library as it moves to a new model to serve the public that will provide barrier-free, single-point access to information, literacy and learning.”

Prior to joining the Brantford Public Library in February 2014, Goodhue worked as the CEO/Chief Librarian with the Chatham-Kent Public Library. She has also worked in library systems in Kingston, London and Mississauga.

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The Board is now prepared to launch a thoughtful and comprehensive process to find a replacement that continues to establish the Library as an organization dedicated to creating a community that is connected through innovation, discovery and creativity.

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

The Brantford Public Library connects the community through innovation, discovery and creativity. Last year, the Library had more than 400,000 visits to the Main and St. Paul Branches and staff answered more than 53,000 reference questions. The Library also offers a range of programs designed to inspire people of all ages and provides a number of online services that promote creativity and life-long learning.

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