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Bellville steps in as Brooks Library's interim director

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Town to continue search after first choice quits

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Lindsay Bellville has been appointed interim director of
Brooks Memorial Library while the search for a permanent library
director continues.

Bellville started her new position June 29.

"It's a new challenge, which I'm looking forward to," says
Bellville, who has been with the library for 22 years. "I'm looking
forward to it. We have a lot going on with summer reading and
our construction project."

12 Asked if she plans to apply for the directorship, Bellville
13 says she's undecided.

14 "I've been in the children's room a long time and it
15 would be hard to give that up, but we'll see," she says. "We'll see
16 how that goes."

17 The appointment comes after Julie Perrin, director for just
18 a month, resigned May 28 saying Brooks was "not a good match
19 for me."

20 The position was then offered to the runner-up candidate
21 found during the search when Perrin was chosen. That person did
22 not take the job.

23 In her resignation, Perrin did not offer details but thanked
24 Town Manager John Potter "for the opportunity," going on to say,
25 "I very much appreciate the kindness of the other town
26 departments and hope that you will convey that to them. Best of
27 luck."

28 Perrin, the 2020 New Hampshire Library Director of the
29 Year, came to Brooks after nine years leading the Jaffrey Public
30 Library in New Hampshire. She was lauded here as bringing
31 extensive experience in library program development, grant
32 writing, and operations management.

33 At the time, Town Human Resources Director Sally Cruz
34 Nix said of the 22 applicants in the competitive hiring process,
35 all stakeholders felt Perrin was the leader who "most aligned with
36 the values and culture of the community."

37 Bellville has worked at Brooks Memorial Library for more
38 than two decades. She joined the library in 2004 as assistant
39 children's librarian and earned her master's degree in library
40 science while working at Brooks.

41 In 2015, she became children's librarian and, following
42 the library's 2016 renovation and expansion of teen services, her
43 position evolved into youth services librarian, overseeing services
44 for children and teens.

45 As Interim Director, Bellville will lead the library during
46 a particularly active period that includes the annual summer
47 reading program and renovations to the building.

48 “My goal is to keep services running smoothly while
49 making these transitions as seamless as possible for our patrons,”
50 said Bellville.

51 The search for a permanent director continues.

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