

Library Welcomes New Associate Director

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Bloomington, Ind.â€”The staff and Board of Monroe County Public Library are pleased to welcome Marilyn Wood as the new Associate Director. She begins work on June 26.

"Marilyn's values and her accomplishments align closely with the priorities of the Associate Director portfolio at Monroe County Public Library," notes director Sara Laughlin. "She cares deeply about getting things done for patrons, she thinks systemically and has substantial experience with planning and executing large-scale projects, and she really cares about engaging staff and giving them opportunities to grow." Wood recently returned to Bloomington after 17 years at Harvard University libraries. Most recently, she was Associate Librarian for Collection Management of the Harvard College Library, where she provided leadership and strategic direction as one of four senior administrators and was closely involved with budget planning, human resources, and staff development. Her accomplishments include launching the Borrow Direct Service, re-envisioning and reorganizing core technical services, and establishing collection management reporting, assessment and analytics, in order to strengthen the libraries' impact on teaching and learning. For several months in 2011, she assumed oversight of Imaging Services, Conservation, Information Technology, and Operations, which included building maintenance, space utilization and planning, and security.

Prior to joining Harvard, she was Lending Services Supervisor, Head of the Bibliographic and Database Searching Unit, then Head of Document Delivery Services for the Indiana University Libraries. Wood has a B.A. and M.L.S. from Indiana University.

Wood has been active in three divisions of the American Library Association -- the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Library Administration and Management Association, and Reference and User Services Association -- and is a graduate of the Association of Research Libraries' Leadership Fellows Program and the Harvard Leadership Program.

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