

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**MICHELLE TOOMBS NAMED DIRECTOR
OF THE MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Tuesday, July 14, 2009: Marigold Library System has announced the appointment of Michelle Toombs as Director, effective September 1st, 2009. Toombs is currently Calgary Public Library's Customer Services Manager for the east sector of the City where she leads seven branches with more than 200 staff.

During her time in Calgary, Toombs has been instrumental in raising the Library's visibility and utility through community building initiatives and program partnerships to increase use and support. She is experienced in building strong communities and neighbourhoods through identifying and focusing on community assets and leveraging library resources for the benefit of residents. She has served on several community associations and not-for-profit boards where she has gained considerable experience in board governance, financial management and facilities and project management.

In making the announcement, Board Chair Lynda Lyster noted that "Michelle Toombs is very knowledgeable about local, regional and provincial programs and services and how they might impact local communities. She is an experienced and effective advocate who understands the role of strategic planning and strategic thinking in developing strong libraries for strong communities. The Board looks forward to continuing its active leadership in working with participating municipalities and libraries, community agencies and the public in ensuring high quality, cost-effective library services."

The Marigold Library System engaged in a national search with the executive search firm Ken Haycock & Associates Inc., which specializes in the recruitment and selection of public library leaders committed to community development and high quality customer service.

Marigold serves the information and reading needs of 220,254 residents of south central Alberta and enhances the services offered by 35 member libraries, 15 paperback deposits, and a paperbacks-by-mail service through partnerships and consortia with other libraries in Alberta

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