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LARCHMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

The Board of Trustees of the Larchmont Public Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Eckley to the position of Library Director. According to Pamela Dubitsky, Chair of the Board, "We are very excited about the selection of Laura Eckley as our new director. We believe she will be a great fit here in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck community, and that her experience and energy will benefit our library tremendously."

Ms. Eckley was previously the director of the Bronxville Public Library, where she was praised for her dedication and expertise. The Bronxville Library is highly regarded for its role as a centerpiece of the community, with innovative and abundant programming for children, teenagers and adults. During Ms. Eckley's tenure, the Bronxville Library was recently designated by the prestigious Library Journal as one of the nation's "Star Libraries" for the fourth year in a row, in recognition of exceptional levels of service.

In anticipation of her new role at the Larchmont Public Library, which serves the residents of both the Village of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck, Ms. Eckley said, "I'm thrilled to begin working with the Library Board and staff, the Friends of the Library, and the members of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck community. The Larchmont Library has the reputation of being an excellent and beloved cultural institution and resource. My goals are to guide the Library in the digital age, work with community groups and ensure their interests are met, and find creative and cost-effective ways to increase programming, ensuring the Library continues to be a vital community center."

Ms. Eckley received her Masters in Library and Information Science from Long Island University, and her Bachelor of Arts from New York University. She worked at the Bronxville Library for nine years, and before that, at the Rye Free Reading Room. When she is not running a library and helping its patrons, she enjoys reading, knitting for charity, and spending time with her 14 year old daughter, Julia.

Laura Eckley will replace June Hesler, who served as Acting Interim Director since the retirement last summer of former director Diane Courtney. "Our Board would like to acknowledge June's hard work as Interim Director," said Ms. Dubitsky. "June has been at the library for over 30 years and she knows the place inside and out. We are very grateful to her for taking on so much extra responsibility; she's done a fantastic job." Ms. Hesler will return to the work she loves best —serving patrons as Reference Librarian and Assistant Director—and will be on hand to help Ms. Eckley make a smooth transition.

Laura Eckley will join the Larchmont Public Library on February 6th.