Timberland Library Director Candidates Meet The Public

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Olympia, WA - Candidates for the Library Director position with the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) will make brief presentations and respond to questions at three upcoming public forums. At the conclusion of the questions period, audience members will be given time to interact informally with candidates.Names and brief biographies of each candidate are listed below.

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[pagebreak:Hammond] Ann is a graduate of Florida State University with a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry and a Master’s in Library and Information Science from The Catholic University. Hammond has served since 2010 as the Executive Director of the Lexington Public Library (LPL) in central Kentucky, which serves a city/county jurisdiction of 296,000 people through a central library, five neighborhood libraries, an Outreach Department and Virtual Services team. Under Hammond’s guidance, LPL developed strategic technology and facilities maintenance plans that linked public service goals to provide services demanded of the library of the future. Previously, Hammond served for three years as the Deputy County Librarian at the Alameda County Library in Fremont, California responsible for public services, technical services and programming for the ten branch system. While at the San Diego County Library, Hammond rose in a six year period from Reference Librarian to Branch Manager to Adult Services Coordinator to Principal Librarian leading 11 of the 33 branches. “I am a collaborative leader who seeks input from all stakeholders before launching any major project or initiative. I’ve brought to Lexington Public Library (LPL) a strong focus on data-based decision-making and project management.”
[pagebreak:Heywood] Cheryl is a graduate of Concordia University with a B.A. in History and English and a Master‘s in Library and Information Studies from McGill University. Heywood currently serves as the Interim Public Services Manager at Timberland Regional Library (TRL) responsible for library operations, programs and services along with supervising 30 managers and coordinators across the library district’s five county region which serves 475,000 residents through 27 community libraries. Previously, Heywood served for 12 years as the Senior Library Manager at the Olympia Timberland Library managing operations, programs and services with a staff of 34 people, while strengthening community relationships by partnering with more than 250 organizations, including the West Olympia Business Association, Community Visioning Group, Thurston County Housing Task Force and Enterprise for Equity. Heywood has worked for TRL since 1996 and in public libraries for 24 years. “Throughout my career, I have demonstrated high professionalism and ethical standards, a congenial, frank and pragmatic working style, an ability to learn quickly and think outside the box. My resilient optimism, infectious energy, and forward-thinking personality, as well as my extensive and varied work experience give me the knowledge and critical thinking skills to lead Timberland Regional Library.”

[pagebreak:Scott] Jeff is a graduate of Arizona State University with a B.A. in History and a Master’s in Information and Library Science from the University of Arizona. Scott currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Tulare County Library in Visalia, California which serves 432,000 residents of Tulare County through 15 branches. Scott is Chair of the Electronic Resources Committee for the San Joaquin Valley Library System, a consortium of 13 library systems. As Deputy Director Scott established the library’s e-book collection, increased circulation 20% in one year through creative space design and marketing efforts and introduced a new website focusing on self-service features. Scott served as President of the Pinal County Library Federation from 2005-2009, which included 13 libraries and 60 staff. “One of the most important lessons that I have learned is the power of community. It’s vitally important that a library demonstrates that it genuinely cares about the people it serves. Whether it’s building new libraries with state of the art technology, renovating existing libraries or providing bookmachines to people in locations where no service is nearby, responsive leadership has been central to my career.”
[pagebreak:forums]Public Forums will take place at the following locations, dates and times:
Thursday, November 8 Timberland Administrative Service Center 6 – 7:30 p.m.
415 Tumwater Blvd. S.W., Tumwater**Friday, November 9**Aberdeen Timberland Library 10:30 a.m. – Noon
121 E. Market St., AberdeenChehalis Timberland Library 3 – 4:30 p.m.400 N. Market Blvd., ChehalisCandidate forums will be held in the meeting room of each building. For questions about the forums, ask your local Timberland Library staff, call 800-562-6022 (704-4636 in the Olympia area) or visit www.TRL.org.