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## Introducing Brenda Hall, the New Library Program Director

The State Library is pleased to announce that Brenda Hall will start as the new Library Program Director beginning March 25, 2022!

Brenda comes to the State Library with 17 years of public library experience. She will lead the Library Support Network team and oversee the federal funding the agency receives. Brenda joins the State Library just in time to help develop the next five-year strategic plan for the agency, so she will hit the ground running!



### Get to Know Brenda

#### **How long have you worked in libraries and what is your background?**

I started in libraries as a library assistant with an emphasis on teen services. My background in education and love for libraries were a perfect match to work with youth. In that role, I co-authored two Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manuals and traveled throughout the state providing summer reading workshops. While working for the public library, I earned my MLIS and in 2012 was promoted to senior librarian where I had the opportunity to gain management experience working in a multi-branch system. In 2015, I became the supervisor of a branch library. I have seventeen years public library experience. My biggest accomplishments are cultivating a dynamic team focused on community outreach and accessibility. I love taking on projects and have experience with strategic planning, systems selection, and significant building renovation projects.

#### **What are three words your coworkers would use to describe you?**

I just went to the workroom and asked two librarians who said: organized, thoughtful, and fun. In my reviews, I've been named a change-agent and thought-leader.

#### **What are you most looking forward to in your new role at the State Library?**

I am happiest when I am of service and working to make an impact. I love goal setting and leading teams. I am a people-person and look forward to making connections and providing support throughout the state.

#### **Do you have a favorite book or movie?**

I am on a Taylor Jenkins Reid kick. I love books with a strong sense of place.

#### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy strong coffee, tote bags full of yarn to knit, going to the park with my family, new kitchen gadgets, and travel.

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**We are excited to welcome Brenda! You can contact her starting March 25 at [Brenda.Hall@iowa.gov](mailto:Brenda.Hall@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4328.**

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