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Maria Palacio Selected as New Director of Acton Memorial Library





Maria Palacio has been selected as Director of the Acton Memorial Library. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)

ACTON -- Town Manager John Mangiaratti and the Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that Maria Palacio has been selected as Library Director.

Palacio comes to Acton from Chelmsford, where she served as Assistant Director, Outreach Services at Chelmsford Public Library.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Montclair State University in New Jersey, and her Master of Science in Information from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She has worked in library services for more than 20 years, in positions of increasing responsibility.

While in Florida she served as branch manager of a 40,000-square-foot library, and later became District Manager overseeing operations at six branches in a 13-library system in Southwest Florida.

Palacio made great inroads in outreach and programs and services for new Americans and those without a traditional library background. In 2014, she was honored in Gulf Shore Business Magazine's 40 under 40. She also represented the United States at a multi-city library conference in Spain sponsored by the United States Embassy in Madrid.

As Director, Palacio assumes leadership of a Library with an annual circulation of 525,000, a budget of \$1.47 million, and a wide variety of community-focused events and activities. She will be responsible for all Library operations, including preparing and managing the budget, managing the Library collection, personnel selection and evaluation, and marketing and public relations.

She begins in her new role on June 6.

"Thank you to the Acton Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Director Search Subcommittee for their hard work and diligence in selecting the best fit for the Library and town," Town Manager Mangiaratti said. "I ask the community to join me in

welcoming Maria."

"I am honored to have been chosen by the Board of Trustees and Town Manager to lead the team at the Acton Memorial Library," Palacio said. "Every challenge and opportunity that I have experienced throughout my career in public libraries has prepared me for this role of Library Director and I am excited to get started."

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