

The Heritage Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Kendra Mathis has been named as Library Director. She began her role as Director on January 1, 2022. Over the past 13 years at HPL, she has worked in operations, technical services, and marketing. Lelia McKee, co-chair of the HPL Board of Trustees, said that Mathis' "organizational management skillset will be an asset to the library and we are well positioned to continue serving New Kent and Charles City counties under Kendra's leadership."

Mathis has over 30 years of experience in executive management and finance administration. She earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University. She has been a member of the New Kent community for 20 years.

"The library reaches beyond four walls and is an integral part of a successful community" Mathis said. She credits a dedicated staff for the excellent programs and wide range of services offered by the library and notes that their resilience is what has kept the library running in the face of the COVID-19 challenges.