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Library Cooperative Coordinator Selected for Okaloosa County

Vicky Stever was introduced at the Commission meeting on February 7, as the new Coordinator for the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC). “The individual members from each municipality really support the libraries and what they do. From young kids to senior citizens, it’s just amazing the system we have here and we wish you well in it,” stated Commissioner Bill Roberts. OCPLC is a cooperative effort between the cities and the counties. Libraries in OCPLC are Crestview (Bob Sikes), Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville and Valparaiso.

Stever comes to the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative from the Hurlburt Field Library, where she was the director for five years. She previously served as library director at Eglin Air Force Base, and has eight years experience in public libraries in Missouri. “We are real excited to have her on board; Vicky has done a lot of impressive work with the military libraries and she has a Master’s Degree in Library Science,” stated County Administrative Manager Sandee Launch. Stever was selected from among 30 applicants for the position of OCPLC Coordinator. The hiring committee, consisting of the Library Directors from each member library and Sandee Launch, personally interviewed three external candidates before making their selection.

“I’m very enthused about being here in Okaloosa County,” said Stever. “I’ve been a resident here for eight years, so this is home for me. It is exciting to come into a very strong and vibrant library system, and I look forward to working to make it even better.”

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