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Library Board Selects Amelia Shelley for Executive Director Position

Board of Trustees unanimously authorizes chair to negotiate hiring terms

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees has named **Amelia Shelley**, currently executive director of Garfield County Public Library District in Colorado, as their preferred choice for the next FVRL executive director.

The unanimous vote during the board’s regular meeting, held Aug. 17 in Ridgefield, authorizes Board Chair Jane Higgins to negotiate salary, benefits and other elements of a hiring agreement with Shelley.

Following the announcement of the Board’s selection, Higgins noted that all three finalists were outstanding, but that Shelley’s particular combination of skills and experience best qualified her for the position. Higgins said, “We especially valued Amelia’s success in a geographically spread-out district like FVRL, her experience in negotiating with several communities for the simultaneous completion of six new libraries on time and under budget, and her fiscal skill at adapting to an unexpected and severe budget cut without reducing library hours or staff. The board feels confident that Amelia Shelley is ready to lead FVRL.”

Prior to taking on leadership of the Rifle, Col.-based district in 2007, Shelley was manager of youth and outreach services at Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The other two finalists for the FVRL executive director position were Peter Bromberg, associate director for public services at Salt Lake County Library Services in Utah, and Jon Worona, division manager at San Jose Public Library in California.

The Board of Trustees will convene a special meeting to approve the hiring agreement with Amelia Shelley when negotiations are completed.

The FVRL position became open with current Executive Director Nancy Tessman’s March 2015 announcement of her plans to retire as soon as a replacement is on board.

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