



Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall

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New Library Director Joins the Carnegie Carnegie

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall will have a new Library Director beginning September 4. Mary Menk comes to the ACFL from Northland Public Library, where she had been working primarily in teen services. Prior to that she had worked at several branches of the Henrico County Public Library System (outside of Richmond, VA). She earned her Master of Library Science degree at the University of Maryland's College Park campus in 2003.

Ms. Menk brings deep experience in developing public programming – for children, teens and adults. She looks forward to working with staff, patrons, community and regional groups to develop new programs that meet the community's needs while taking advantage of the ACFL&MH's capacious facility.

Ms. Menk a broad perspective to this position. Since 2012 she has served as the Manager of the Children's and Teen's Pavilion at the Library of Congress's *National Book Festival*. This annual event brings together best-selling authors and thousands of book fans for author talks, panel discussions, book signings and other activities. It is one of the pre-eminent literary events in the country.

"We are so happy that Mary has accepted this critical position at the Library & Music Hall," said Executive Director Maggie Forbes. "We have come so far over the last 15 years, and look forward to the Library becoming much more vibrant under Mary's leadership."

Ms. Menk and her husband Bryan moved to Pittsburgh in 2012 after he accepted a position teaching accounting at Duquesne University. They live with their son 15-year-old son Sam in Mt. Lebanon. Sam introduced his parents to the ACFL&MH when he played viola with the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra at last year's *A Very Carnegie Christmas* concert.

Ms. Menk is quite tech savvy and enjoys introducing patrons to the newest informational formats.

"I am extremely excited about this opportunity to serve as the Library Director for the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall," said Menk. "I have spent 15 years working in public libraries of all sizes and in all different departments, helping people find the information, programs and materials they seek."

She went on to say, "I couldn't ask for a better or more beautiful facility to start this new adventure. What a wonderful space to work with!" Mary plans to spend quite a bit of time at the circulations desk in her first few weeks, and encourages patrons to stop by to say hello.

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