

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of **Amy L. Switzer** as the eighth Director of the Shaker Heights Public Library. She has served as Interim Director for the past four months and will begin her duties as Director after her formal appointment at the October 10, 2016 Board meeting.

According to Switzer, “It’s an honor to have this opportunity to serve a community with a national reputation for excellence. I am excited to assume my duties as Library Director and I look forward to engaging in conversations across the community about the future of library spaces, services, and resources. Shaker Library has a long tradition of excellence and I look forward to working with the Board, the staff, and the community to continue to deliver high quality library services and programs. I appreciate the Board’s vote of confidence as we work together to strengthen and grow our library.”

A native of Ohio, Switzer graduated magna cum laude from Miami University of Ohio and earned her MLIS from Kent State University summa cum laude. She is a member of the 2000 class of Library Leadership Ohio.

Amy Switzer has 21 years of experience in libraries with progressive levels of public service and administrative responsibility in diverse suburban library environments and 16 years of public library management and administrative experience. Prior to being appointed Director of the Shaker Library, Switzer served as its Deputy Director since 2009. She was a Children’s Services Librarian at Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library for five years and was promoted to the position of Children’s Services Coordinator where she served for eight years.

According to Library Board President Chad Anderson, “Amy was the outstanding candidate from a strong field and will join the Library as it embarks on an exciting period of transformation. We are thrilled to have someone of her caliber and experience leading the Library, and serving the many people who come through our doors, or connect online every year. Amy has done a fantastic job as Interim Director over the past four months. She has approached her responsibilities with an emphasis on continuous improvement, community engagement, and providing an outstanding customer experience. I look forward to her continued contribution to the success and growth of our Shaker Library, which has a rich history and an exciting future.”

Switzer is a member of the American Library Association and Ohio Library Council where she has chaired the Intellectual Freedom Committee and conducted presentations and training sessions on a state and regional level.

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