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## News Release

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### Library System Board Approves Library System's New Executive Director

October 23, 2015 - The Board of Directors of the Library System unanimously approved the appointment of Pete Petruski as the Library System's Executive Director at their board meeting held at the Pequea Valley Public Library last evening. Petruski has been serving as interim Executive Director since January 2015 and has provided leadership for the library system staff and operations during a transition process.

The board appointed a search committee made up of three board members and two library directors. The committee then created a job description for the Executive Director position that included feedback from library directors as well as system board members. The search committee received applications from many qualified candidates from across the United States before conducting two rounds of interviews from the extensive submissions. The committee then recommended three candidates for the board's consideration. After the board conducted their interviews, they recommended Pete Petruski for the position.

The library system has been working toward improving efficiencies in delivering services to the 14 public libraries and 3 branch locations. Under Petruski's interim leadership, the Library System Board developed and implemented a new strategic plan focused on streamlining the library system and modernizing its services. Petruski has also worked to strengthen library system's ties with state and local governments and library systems across Pennsylvania, with an eye on leveraging these relationships to provide the best possible service to public libraries in Lancaster County.

Library System Board President, Brandon Danz is enthusiastic about Petruski's appointment, "We are very excited for Pete Petruski to take on the responsibilities of the executive director of the library system of Lancaster County. Throughout this process, we sought a transformational leader who can unify the library system and its stakeholders behind a common, positive vision and build a team-based culture throughout the library system and member libraries. The board is confident in Pete's abilities. We look forward to him assuming these important responsibilities and leading this change."

Petruski has been employed by the Library System since January 2014 when he was hired to fill the post of Cataloging/Acquisitions Manager. Prior to his employment at the Library System, he had been Technical Services Librarian for the Cumberland County Library System. He attended college at the State University of New York New Paltz and received his Master's Degree in Library Science at University at Albany. Prior to working at LSLC, he was a technical services manager for college libraries in Vermont and Virginia. He has served on national committees in the area of Library Technical Services and is actively involved in library organizations across the state.

#### **About the Library System of Lancaster County**

The Library System of Lancaster County is a federated system with 14 member libraries, three branches and a bookmobile, which serves 519,462 residents. Established in April 1987 as a 501c(3) non-profit organization, the Library System provides well-coordinated countywide services and cooperative programs to assist member libraries in meeting the diverse needs of its community residents. The mission of the Library System of Lancaster County is to bring together all 14 member public libraries to plan and create a cost-effective network of technology, facilities and resources to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of all residents of Lancaster County. The Library System ensures that a network of support services is provided to all public libraries in the county.

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