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Little Elm Public Library names Roberson as manager

LITTLE ELM (January 26, 2016) A highly-experienced librarian with an avowed passion for library advocacy, community partnerships and mentoring the next generation of library professionals has been appointed as Manager of the Little Elm Public Library, says Town Manager Matt Mueller.

Lynette Roberson, who earned a Master of Library Science from the University of North Texas, started on Jan. 20 after the Town concluded an exhaustive search to fill the director position. Roberson's graduate degree included certification in Advanced Management in Libraries and Information Agencies. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art from Centenary College of Louisiana.

Prior to her appointment in Little Elm, Roberson served as a Senior Librarian and District Manager with the City of Dallas Public Library system, and worked for the public libraries of The Colony and Plano. As a District Manager in Dallas, Roberson was instrumental in assisting branch library staff with collection development and budget expenditures, and played a key role in hiring, training, and implementing system-wide policy.

Before her promotion to District Manager, she served as a Branch Manager within the Dallas system. In The Colony, Roberson was a reference librarian, and served as adult and children services librarian in Plano. Before entering the library career field, she worked in retail management and the insurance industry.

She is a member of Texas Library Association's 2014 Texas Accelerated Library Leadership Institute (TALL Texans), a 2014 American Library Association Emerging Leader, and a 2006 American Library Association (ALA) Spectrum Scholar. She serves on a number of ALA committees. During the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, she presented a session entitled "'S.T.E.M'-ulating Young Minds: Creating Science-Based Programming @ Your Library." That session was subsequently converted into an article for publication in the Journal of Library Administration in 2015.

"Libraries are as relevant and necessary today as they were thousands of years ago," she said. "When I re-entered the profession, the fear was that e-books and technology would make libraries obsolete. We've seen the opposite happen; libraries, specifically public ones, aren't just book repositories, they're community centers."

Her goal is to continue to make the Little Elm Public Library a place where people can gather freely to exchange information, receive beneficial services, participate in community-building, and have their voices heard.

"People can access information more easily than ever, from more sources than ever," she added. Roberson wants to encourage the development of knowledgeable, trained librarians to help people find the most accurate and useful information to meet their needs.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.