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### **Board Appoints New Director to Lead the Hoboken Public Library**

**HOBOKEN, NJ June 23, 2021** – The Trustees of the Hoboken Public Library yesterday concluded its months-long search for a new library director by voting unanimously to appoint Jennie Pu, currently the Dean of College Libraries at Hudson County Community College, to lead Hoboken’s library.

“The Hoboken Public Library is undergoing some significant changes,” said Board President Jerome Abernathy, “and we are glad to welcome Jennie to lead the team. In addition to directing the traditional customer-focused operations of our Public Library, Jennie will be managing the Library through its post-COVID restoration of full services, and taking on the responsibility of shepherding the Library through its long-awaited renovation. We look forward to working with her as she takes on these enormous responsibilities.”

Jennie responded to the appointment by stating that she is "... delighted and thrilled about the opportunity to lead Hoboken Public Library. I look forward to working with the Board, the staff, the City and all members of the Hoboken community to build upon the library's past successes, and position it for an even greater future."

Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla hailed the appointment by saying “I welcome Jennie Pu as the Hoboken Public Library’s new director. She brings new energy and is the imaginative leader who will serve the library well. I know she will bring an exceptional level of community service

to Hoboken in her new role, and look forward to working collaboratively with her and the library board.”

The search for a new director began early this year when Library Director Lina Podles announced her retirement effective June 1. The Trustees engaged Bradbury-Miller Associates, an executive search consultant specializing in helping libraries find leaders who are an excellent fit. After what turned out to be a nationwide search, four finalists were identified, and Jennie was the unanimous choice. She will assume her new duties on Monday, August 9.

**About the Hoboken Public Library:** Founded in 1890, the Library is a cultural and educational centerpiece of the City of Hoboken, NJ. Its mission is to connect people with each other, ideas, and opportunities, and to support lifelong learning, personal growth, and community development. Full details on the Library, its programs and services, and collections – including a renowned Local History Collection – are available at [www.HobokenLibrary.org](http://www.HobokenLibrary.org). The Library building – completed in 1897 -- is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Jennie Pu will soon take the reins of the Hoboken Public Library.