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Waukeee Public Library Hires New Director

Waukeee, Iowa—The City of Waukeee announced today that Kristine Larson has been hired as the new Waukeee Public Library Director. Larson's official start date will be Oct. 27.

Larson has been working as a librarian for the Des Moines Public Library since January 2011. She previously worked as a supervisor at the Iowa State University Library in Ames for approximately three years. Prior to that, Larson worked as a substitute librarian at the Des Moines Public Library and as a library assistant in the Twin Cities area.

"Kristine brings nearly a decade of library experience along with exceptional technology and communication skills," said Waukeee Public Library Board of Trustees President Brian Hughes. "She will capitalize on the library's forward momentum and will aid in the continued excellence we strive for in serving our residents."

Vernon Hill, Ill.-based John Keister & Associates helped carry out a national search for the position. Larson was among the top five candidates interviewed by a library director search committee in September.

Former library director Jake Speer accepted a position with his previous employer as the Director of the Indiana State Library in August. Youth Services Librarian Keri Weston-Stoll has been serving as the interim director.

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The City of Waukeee is recognized as the fastest growing city within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census estimate based on July 2013 data is 17,077. Waukeee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit www.waukeee.org.