

New library director is former Lansing resident

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LANSING — A former Lansing resident has been named the new director of the Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library.

The library board approved hiring Janice Bojda, who will start work Nov. 5, making \$32,000 a year. Bojda was chosen from a field of about 20 applicants.

She succeeds Joanne Jensen, who abruptly resigned the post in April over a salary dispute.

"We felt she could really direct us in the '90s. She's kind of what we were looking for," library board Vice President Gwen Molenaar said Thursday.

She said Bojda also has "lots of enthusiasm" and "a good background in library science."

Bojda, 32, was raised in Lansing and is a graduate of St. Ann's School and Thornton Fractional South High School.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illi-

nois.

She currently works at Indian Prairie Public Library in Willowbrook, where she heads the children's services department.

Bojda said she is leaving the Indian Prairie Public Library not because she is unhappy with her job, but because she is "ready for a change and a challenge."

A resident of Chicago's East Side, Bojda said her "ties are in the south suburban region" with family members still living in Lansing. She said she looks forward to joining the staff at her "hometown library" and the 30-minute reduction in her commute to work.

"I'm excited and nervous," she said.

"It's a change when you move from a department head position (to the top library administrator). ... I feel like the time is right. I look forward to working there."

Despite the sometimes tumultuous relationship Jensen had with the library board, Bojda said she does not anticipate any difficulties.

"My impression of the board is that we will work very well together."

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