

# Lansing library selects director

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LANSING — The Lansing Public Library board voted unanimously Thursday night to hire Janice Wojda as the new library director.

Wojda, who is head of the children's services department at the Indian Prairie Public Library in Willowbrook, will begin work on Nov. 5. Her salary will be \$32,000 per year.

Wojda originally is from Lansing, acting library director Norine Beemsterboer said. "I think it's good because she does know the area," she said.

"She's a people person," board Vice President Gwen Molenaar said.

The board received about 20 applications for the job, Molenaar said.

"We had exceptional appli-

cants," board President David Tanis said. "More than 50 percent exceeded our requirements."

Beemsterboer was named acting director on May 3, replacing Joanne Jensen, who resigned amid controversy. She had cited harassment by board members and anger over not receiving a pay raise as reasons for quitting. Board members denied the harassment charges.

Jensen had worked for the library for 29 years, 24 of them as director.

Beemsterboer said she will return to her job as assistant librarian, a position she has held for 10 years.

"Lansing has had only four full-time head librarians in its history," Tanis said.

The board has tentatively scheduled a coffee and cake recep-

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tion for the new director on Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the reception is for Wojda to meet the library staff.

Wojda received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1980 from the University of Illinois in Champaign and her master's degree in library and information science in 1983 from the same school.

In other business, the state librarian has awarded the library a per capita grant, which means the library will get \$1 for each Lansing resident. The total will depend on the outcome of the 1990 census,

but a minimum of \$25,000 is expected, Molenaar said.

The board will renew an agreement with the Lansing Historical Society to rent excess space at the library, 2750 Indiana Ave., but it wants a shorter term of years, Tanis said. The historical society's lease for 10 years just expired.

"This shouldn't be 10 years anymore, especially with a new director coming in," Tanis said. The library might need the space in the future, he said.

The historical society has been an asset to the library, Tanis said. He said the library has an "at will" lease, meaning the historical group could be given notice to vacate in 30 days.