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PINDER NAMED BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL) Director James H. Fish has announced the selection of Jo Ann Pinder as Assistant Director for the 17-branch library system. She will be responsible for coordinating activities of departments that provide support services, including Collection Development, Graphic Production, Information Services, Facilities Services, Marketing, Media Services, Resource Enhancement, Technical Services and Technology Support. Pinder begins work with BCPL on Monday, March 31.

Pinder has more than 23 years of experience as a library administrator. Before her current job with Library Practitioners, a library consulting practice in Georgia, she worked for 15 years as executive director of the Gwinnett County Public Library in Lawrenceville, GA, now a 14-branch, suburban library system named as Library of the Year in 2000 by Library Journal/Gale Group. For nine years before that she served as chief operating officer of the 14-branch Anne Arundel County Public Library in Annapolis, MD, preceded by four years spent as coordinator of Cooperating Libraries of Central Maryland.

Pinder holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's in science from Pennsylvania State University.

Actively involved in professional organizations, Pinder has been a member or chair of various committees and boards in the American Library Association, the Public Library Association (PLA), the Library Administration and Management Association, and the Maryland Library Association (MLA). She served as president of both MLA and PLA. She has also taken an active, leadership role in community organizations, including Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, Leadership Gwinnett, YMCA, League of Women Voters, and the United Way of Metro Atlanta.

She will reside in the Rodgers Forge neighborhood of Baltimore, MD.

BCPL, a 17-branch system founded in 1948, aims to provide innovative, quality services responding to the needs of its diverse community of 786,000. Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) recently ranked BCPL the fifth best large public library in the nation.

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