

News Release

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CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Charlotte, NC – July 28, 2020 – The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners recently appointed Amy Hawn Nelson to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees. Hawn Nelson fills a vacant board position and begins her official duties with the September 21 Board meeting. The Board consists of eleven trustees, ten of whom are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and one of whom is appointed by the Board of Education. At its June 2020 meeting, the Library Board voted to approve Joe Helweg as the new Board Chair and J. Brandon Neal as the Board Vice Chair. The other Library Board Trustees include Rob Harrington (Immediate Past Chair), Jennifer Appleby, Ailen Arreaza, Gloria Kelley, Kimmerly Martin, Charles Thomas, Ed Williams and Dr. Ricky Woods.

Hawn Nelson is currently working with the University of Pennsylvania in the School of Social Policy and Practice in the Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy as the director of training and technical assistance and was formerly the director of the Institute for Social Policy. Previously she was the director of social research for the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute. Hawn Nelson holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy, Curriculum & Instruction, and Urban Education, a M.S. in School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a M.A. of Teaching from Johns Hopkins University, and two B.A. degrees from North Carolina State University. She has served on the North Carolina Early Childhood Data Advisory Council since 2019 and is also a member of Arts Impact CLT. In 2015, Hawn Nelson was named Charlottean of the Year by *Charlotte Magazine*.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library operates under the guidance of a volunteer Board of Trustees whose members give generously of their time, talent and support to further the Library's mission. For more information about the Library Board including members and meeting dates, visit cmlibrary.org/about/board-trustees.

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Photo caption: Amy Hawn Nelson is appointed to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees.



About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit cmlibrary.org.

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