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The Library Turns a Page James Moore Appointed as New City Librarian

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo is pleased to officially have a new leader who will oversee the Library Department’s broad range of literary programs and community services.

After an extensive executive recruitment, James Moore has been chosen as San Mateo’s new city librarian. Moore was previously deputy city librarian and has been serving as acting city librarian since former librarian Ben Ocón retired late last year.

Moore brings a wide range of professional experience in librarianship that includes administration, supervision, customer service, adult and youth programming, community outreach, strategic planning and leveraging technology to provide new service models.

“I warmly embrace the opportunity to work with Library staff and the community to maintain the traditions and achievements that have already been established, and to be part of writing the next meaningful chapter in the life of a successful, sustainable public library system for San Mateo,” Moore said. “Libraries play a vital role in the strength of a community and I look forward to continuing to promote a welcoming place for lifelong learning and engagement.”

As city librarian, Moore is responsible for overseeing four divisions, three library facilities and 104 employees. Moore holds a master’s degree in Library and Information Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Film Studies. City Manager Drew Corbett appointed Moore to the department head position and the Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring on Tuesday, May 28.

“James’ knowledge and passion for library services make him the perfect person to serve as the next city librarian and to ensure we continue to provide dynamic services for our community,” Corbett said. “I’m excited for the future of our libraries under James’ leadership.”

The library provides well-loved services with an overall 97 percent community satisfaction rate. Programs attract a range of community members including infants who attend storytime readings, teens who check out eBooks, adults looking for job search assistance, and seniors who attend workshops. Visit www.cityofsanmateo.org to learn more.

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