Lewis appointed Interim Director for Library

Durham County Manager Mike Ruffin has named Priscilla Lewis as interim director for Durham County Library effective today. Ms. Lewis, manager of the Library’s Branch Services Division since 1997, will work with the department’s senior leadership to manage the build-out of library facilities and the library’s services and programming until a new director is named. Ruffin is currently developing the search process that he will use to select the next leader and expects to fill the position by next spring.

In announcing the appointment Ruffin said, “Durham County is fortunate that we can turn to a seasoned library professional with over 18 years of experience in the Durham County Library system. Ms. Lewis has a good understanding of our library system, which will serve us well over the next few months as we continue to develop our regional library system. I look forward to working with her.”

Beginning in 1999, Lewis led the development of the regional library system, including the acquisition of land for the regional facilities. She also had an active role in developing the Library’s current strategic plan. Lewis began her career with Durham County Library in 1987, first working with the Library’s budgeting process and then as head of the Circulation Unit for seven years.
Lewis is active in professional and service organizations. She is a member of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA), past president of NCLA’s Public Library section and has served on the NCLA Executive Board and the NCLA Certification Committee. In the community, Lewis has been on the board of the Volunteer Center of Durham since 2002, currently serving as chair of the Share Your Christmas Committee. She is a past vice president of the board of Urban Ministries, a 2000 graduate of the Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Durham program and a 1996 graduate of the NCLA Leadership Institute.

A 1994 graduate of the Master’s in Library Science degree program at North Carolina Central University, Lewis also earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from the university.

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