

# CCM Announces New Library Director

Erin Pierce, MLIS, has joined C.C. Mellor Memorial Library (CCM) as the new Library Director. Ms. Pierce, who brings experience from a variety of library settings, will lead CCM into a new era of 21st century library services. While her immediate project is the CCM Annual Book Sale (March 17-21, with Preview Party on March 17), her priorities include the 100th anniversary celebration of CCM, updating the reading rotunda and expanding CCM's services in the new Forest Hills Municipal Building, scheduled to open by year's end.

Ms. Pierce said, "I am honored to have the opportunity to grow this vital organization through its next stages. We have such a vibrant community, and dedicated staff it will be a joy to continue to build relationships needed to foster the growth of this dynamic public library."

Christine Probert, Chair of The Board of Trustees of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House said, "The Board of Trustees had very big shoes to fill... and retained a professional search firm to assist our community-based Search Committee in a wide-ranging and competitive search process. The candidate response was robust and the selection of Erin as our new leader is both an endorsement of the strength of our library staff and the board's commitment to assuring C.C. Mellor Library's relevance and leadership into the future."

Ms. Pierce and the CCM staff provide outreach and education, community programming, and information access to Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills, Churchill, and Wilkins Township. Library services are also available 24/7/365 through downloads of electronic resources, online searches of databases, and mobile printing for community members. In addition to managing the CCM library, Ms. Pierce is the liaison with the Edgewood Club and provides leadership for building management and maintenance in coordination with the Edgewood Club manager.

Ms. Pierce has decades of library experience in Pittsburgh, most recently as the Youth Librarian at CCM and, since January 2017, as Interim Library Director. Here, she instituted monthly outreach at every public K-8 school in CCM's service area and increased youth collection circulation by 50%. She has held professional positions at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, where she created a flagship teen space at the main library and newly designated teen spaces in 19 locations. At the Community College of Allegheny County, she initiated library services to students in an online environment. Pierce earned a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and she has completed Leaders in Learning through Coro Pittsburgh.

Ms. Pierce assumed her new responsibilities on March 1. We encourage library patrons, community residents, and municipal and community leaders to stop by the library or join us at the Annual Book Sale Preview Party on March 17 and welcome CCM's new Library Director, Erin Pierce.