



## **Maria McCauley Elected President of the Public Library Association**

**Cambridge, MA, April 23, 2021** -- Dr. Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries for the City of Cambridge, has been elected President of the Public Library Association (2022-2023). Dr. McCauley will serve a three-year term beginning this June, covering one-year terms as president-elect (2021-2022), president (2022-2023), and immediate past president (2023-2024).

Dr. McCauley has served as Director of Libraries for the City of Cambridge since August 2016. She was formerly the Director of Libraries in Santa Monica, California, and in Somerville, Massachusetts. She is now serving the final year of a three-year term on the Executive Board of the American Library Association (ALA) and has served as an ALA councilor-at-large for two terms. Dr. McCauley earned a Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University, a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Simmons University. She is an ALA Spectrum Scholar, class of 1999.

"I am filled with gratitude to have this opportunity to serve as the future President of the Public Library Association and to work with talented member-leaders to fulfill the PLA's mission of strengthening public libraries and their invaluable contributions to communities," said Dr. McCauley on learning of her election. "Public library workers have great heart, care deeply about their communities and one another, and are passionate about equitable and inclusive library service. I greatly look forward to my tenure on the PLA board."

The Public Library Association (PLA) is the largest group dedicated to supporting the unique and evolving needs of public library professionals. Founded in 1944, the PLA serves nearly 10,000 members in public libraries large and small in communities across the United States and Canada, with a growing presence around the world. In collaboration with its parent organization, the American Library Association, the PLA strives to serve as an indispensable ally for public library leaders.

### **About the Cambridge Public Library:**

At the Cambridge Public Library, we welcome all, inspire minds and empower community. We support a Cambridge where everyone has equitable opportunities to learn, people live

their best lives, and democracy thrives. During the Covid-19 health crisis, we are offering a variety of programs and services. [Visit our website](#) to learn the details.

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