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## PANAMA CITY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW BRANCH MANAGER

(Panama City, Fla.) The Northwest Regional Library System is pleased to announce that Laura Laspee has been selected as the Branch Manager of the Panama City Beach Public Library. Please join us for a meet and greet reception at the library on Tuesday, July 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to welcome Laura to our community. Light refreshments will be served.

"I am excited to be the branch manager here at the Panama City Beach Public Library," says Laura Laspee. "I look forward to building partnerships between the library and the local community."

Laura received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. In 2008, she began working for the Clymer Library located in Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania. Laura became the Director of the Clymer Library from September 2011 until May 2017. During her stay at Clymer Library, she implemented a community outreach children's program, adult summer reading program, and partnered with Tobyhnanna Township to bring in new businesses into the area with the library playing a major role in the research portion of the plan. Laura was able to secure several notable grants including a Library Services & Technology Act grant to create a senior space in the library, Walmart grant for children's programming, and Local Shared Account grants towards children's programming and the purchase of new computers. She has been an active member within the Pennsylvania Library Association, General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township.

The Panama City Beach Public Library is located at 12500 Hutchison Boulevard. Please call 233-5055 or visit <a href="https://www.nwrls.com">www.nwrls.com</a> for more information.

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