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The Berkeley Board of Library Trustees (BOLT) voted tonight to name Donna Corbeil as the new Director of Library Services of the Berkeley Public Library.

Ms. Corbeil, currently the Deputy Director of the Solano County Library in Fairfield, was Chief of Branches at the San Francisco Public Library for six years prior to her position at Solano County. She previously served the Oakland Public Library for seven years in a variety of supervisory and senior librarian positions. She brings to her new position solid grounding in the operation of public libraries within the specific context of Bay Area communities.

“Donna emphasized in her presentations that she would focus on collaborative processes with the staff, the management team, the unions, the Board and the community in her work as director,” said BOLT Chair Susan Kupfer. “We were impressed with her energy and the breadth and depth of her experience. She has a wonderful manner of relating to others, which we hope will go a long way to easing tensions both within the library and the larger Berkeley community. She is aware of the major issues currently facing libraries, privacy being one such example, and is committed to developing and articulating policies through group processes.”



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BOLT Trustee Laura Anderson, a member of the subcommittee of the Board overseeing the process, cited Corbeil's experience as Chief of branch libraries in San Francisco as an enormous plus. "BOLT would like to focus its attention in the next years on our beloved branch libraries. Donna's extensive background with neighborhood libraries and her commitment and dedication to invigorating community libraries will serve Berkeley well."

Corbeil, an Oakland resident, told BOLT in her application that she was "honored and excited" to be able to serve the Berkeley community. "As a long time East Bay resident, I am familiar with local issues and the culture of involvement, which makes it such a dynamic and vibrant community," she wrote.

Corbeil, who will serve at the pleasure of BOLT, will begin her new position on January 8, 2007. She will earn a salary of \$143,000 annually.