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May 8, 2023– Public Library InterLINK (InterLINK) is pleased to announce the selection of Leigh Anne Palmer as its new Executive Director. Leigh Anne steps into the role following Michael Burriss, who has provided outstanding and integral leadership to the organization since 2008. The hire was made after a comprehensive search process, in collaboration with the Search Committee and Harbour West Consulting, and with the support of the InterLINK Board of Directors.

“InterLINK is thrilled to announce its new Executive Director. Leigh Anne Palmer is an established and trusted leader committed to advancing the capacity of libraries. Leigh Anne brings knowledge and experience in non-profit board governance, program development, and team leadership. Leigh Anne comes to the role with a member service lens and a deep understanding of the public library sector. We look forward to working with Leigh Anne as we share, collaborate and build capacity with our member libraries.” – Josie Chuback, InterLINK Board Chair

Leigh Anne is the outgoing Executive Director of the Association of BC Public Library Directors. Previously, Leigh Anne was the Manager, Digital Services with the Vancouver Public Library. Leigh Anne also brings experiences as a Manager at the BC Electronic Library Network, which included managing the Electronic Health Library of BC (eHLbc) and coordinating the BC Books Online Project in partnership with the Association of Book Publishers of BC. Leigh Anne has her Bachelor of Arts, The George Washington University, Master of Library and Information Studies, The Catholic University of America and Master of Arts, University of Pennsylvania. Leigh Anne has been an active member of the American Libraries Association, Canadian Federation of Library Association, Consortia Canada and the International Consortia of Library Consortia. Leigh Anne will start with InterLINK on June 19th.

I am thrilled to be joining Public Libraries InterLINK as its new Executive Director. Libraries are better able to serve their communities when they collaborate. I look forward to working with InterLINK's Board and members as we move forward strengthening public libraries, and enriching the lives of our patrons and communities.” Leigh-Anne Palmer, incoming Executive Director, InterLINK

About Public Library InterLINK

Public Library InterLINK (InterLINK) is a library federation constituted under Section 49 of the Library Act. The 18 member libraries of InterLINK are in the Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast and Sea-to-Sky Corridor of the Province of British Columbia. InterLINK's member libraries serve over 60% of the population of BC and work cooperatively with library partners across the province. InterLINK is funded by its member libraries and the province of British Columbia. For more information about InterLINK, please visit: <https://www.interlinklibraries.ca/>