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Eugene Library Foundation Appoints Dana B. Fleming Executive Director

EUGENE, Ore. – Jan. 3, 2023 - The Eugene Public Library Foundation announced that Dana B. Fleming, previously executive director of The Eugene Education Foundation, has been named its next executive director. Fleming Replaces Reed Davaz McGowan who led the Library Foundation for the past 3 years, including during the height of the pandemic.

"We are thrilled to have Dana join the Eugene Public Library Foundation and provide her strong nonprofit leadership skills," said Renee Buchanan, President of the Foundation. "She brings demonstrable success as the leader of a local foundation that supports one of our city's most visible organizations (4J School District), with a deep understanding of and commitment to our community. Dana has a stellar reputation for bringing new ideas and improving on existing ones."

Will O'Hearn, the Library Services Director of the Eugene Public Library appreciates Fleming's work to provide library access to community youth. "Dana and I worked together in her previous capacity, as we determined how to enable all students in 4J and Bethel school districts to access a library card," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with her in her new role with the Foundation."

Fleming is a native of Alabama and has led a wide variety of nonprofit organizations throughout the country. "I have worked in a range of nonprofits in my lifetime, from arts and education organizations to domestic violence programs. I have a deep appreciation for libraries as a critical community resource and I am honored to now lead the organization that will help the Eugene Public Library continue to serve everyone in Eugene."

About the Foundation: The Eugene Public Library Foundation supports programs and capital projects for the Eugene Public Library. The Foundation is instrumental in funding such programs as upgrading the teen center, obtaining

Wi-Fi hot spots, expanding the Library of Things, adult literacy training, materials acquisitions, online services and the Imagination Library. The focus for this year's annual Booked for the Evening event, held **April 29, 2023**, is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the downtown building. For more information, see the Foundation's website, <http://eplfoundation.org/>, or call the Foundation office, (541) 338-7018.

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