

Bloomsburg Public Library



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Dear Friends,

The Bloomsburg Public Library is proud to announce its new library director, Ammon Francis Young, who will be taking over from the retiring director, Dr. Lydia Kegler, on December 4. A library professional with 30 years of experience, Young served in a full-time faculty librarian position at the University of Pittsburgh for 11 years, during which he progressed in responsibility from reference librarian to manager of document delivery to assistant head of reference to head of reference. Ammon also worked as a Children's Librarian at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and has experience as a community organizer. Most recently Young served as director of the Columbia County Traveling Library for the past eight years.

"I can't wait to get started," said Ammon Young, a resident of the Town of Bloomsburg. "I am looking forward to building up the Bloomsburg Public Library as a community center in which everyone feels welcome, as if it were the living room for the community. I envision staff and volunteers welcoming people to come gather with friends, hold book clubs, have game time, open mic nights, lively issue-based discussions, and more. I hope to partner with other libraries in the area, and to build on the many improvements that Lydia Kegler has made during her time here. The modernization and improvements that she and I have accomplished in parallel over the past eight years create many possibilities for a robust library community across Columbia County."

While we are sad to see Lydia retire, she has positioned the library well for the future and the Board of Trustees is thrilled to welcome Ammon to the library. Ammon's belief that libraries should be community centers offering not just books but programs and services mirrors the vision of the board and his record of community involvement is impressive.

Thank you for your continued support and patronage of the Bloomsburg Public Library,

Cindy Schultz
BPL Board President