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NCW LIBRARIES HIRED NEW AREA MANAGER

NCW Libraries has hired a new area manager for Okanogan and Ferry counties.

Sara Jensen begins her new job this week overseeing the Winthrop, Twisp, Tonasket, Oroville, Republic and Curlew libraries.

In this capacity, she will supervise the staffing and operations at the libraries, ensuring consistency in customer experience and library procedures. She will also serve as a liaison between NCW Libraries and its city partners and community stakeholders.

Jensen grew up in the rural communities of Whatcom County and spent summers in Chelan County. She has worked for the King County Library System (KCLS) for 21 years, serving first in the small rural branches of Carnation and Fall City, and then for the last 18 years at the Sammamish branch. In her 20 year career as a librarian, she has focused on teen services, developed STEM programming, overseen world language clubs, been a project manager for the KCLS strategic plan on intellectual freedom, and spearheaded a YouthTechnology project.

She also brings experience in museum studies and has served on projects with the National Nordic Museum, 4Culture Arts, and Humanities Washington.

"I am excited to move closer to my parents who are retired in Chelan and I have two sons entering college soon," Jensen said. "As an almost empty-nester, I look forward to exploring Methow Valley with friends and enjoying my first year living on a goat farm near Tonasket. I am a student of fiber arts, watercolors and experimenting in making natural pigments and dyes from fungi."

Jensen added, "I look forward to hearing from each community about what makes their libraries unique and any ideas for developing partnerships or innovative library services that reflect their local community and culture."

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