

Kathleen Ester is new director of the Shelby Township Public Library

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The Shelby Township Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Kathleen Ester of Birmingham to the position of director of the Shelby Township Public Library.

"I am very proud to welcome (Ester) on board in our township to lead the staff at the Shelby Township Library," said Supervi-

sor Richard Stathakis.

Ester will fill the vacancy created by the departure of former director Dale Parus, who served in the position for approximately five months before resigning last month due to "personal reasons."

According to Human Resources Director Lisa Suida, the search for a replacement involved reaching out to the two remaining candidates

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who interviewed for the position with Parus last August.

“(Deb Lambert) is working in Indiana and she declined to interview, so she withdrew her name,” Suida said. “So I had my fingers crossed that everything worked out (with Ester).”

The Birmingham resident currently serves as coordinator of adult services at the Southfield Public Library. She was interviewed twice by the Board of Trustees before being offered the position of library director.

“I am impressed by the

level of excitement (Ester) has for her new position and her vision of the library as an asset for its residents now, with a potential for growth,” Stathakis said. “Watching her as she puts her stamp on what is already a first-class operation is something that I’m really looking forward to.”

Ester will begin performing her duties as director of the Shelby Township Public Library on June 2.

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