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## **Charles County Public Library Appoints New Development Manager**

(La Plata, MD – October 31, 2022) The Charles County Public Library is excited to announce the appointment of Shannon Bland as its new Development Manager. In this new position, Ms. Bland will be encouraging the community to learn about, engage with, and invest in the Charles County Public Library’s mission through multi-tiered fundraising, grant writing, community relations and engagement, and resource and donor development.

Ms. Bland has been with the Charles County Public Library for over nine years, serving in a variety of public service capacities, most recently as the Branch Manager for the Waldorf West Library. A creative and an entrepreneur herself, she took on a specialized role as a Funding Information Network Supervisor for the library, where she built relationships with, and provided funding and educational resources to local nonprofits, businesses and entrepreneurs. She has been active in the library’s Innovation Fund project, having been awarded funding for major library projects over the last two years. Ms. Bland is a demonstrated leader in the industry and within Charles County.

“In my new role, I am most excited to be able to both share how the library makes a difference in our community, and get out into the community to fundraise and “friend-raise”,” Ms. Bland shared. “I look forward to building new relationships and collaborating with other organizations and individuals in Charles County.”

Shannon holds a Bachelors of Arts from Bowie State University in Fine Arts and a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland, College Park.

### **About Charles County Public Library**

The Charles County Public Library (CCPL) creates opportunities for our community to engage, discover, and learn. CCPL consists of four library branches, as well as a Mobile Library. CCPL has a staff of more than 90 full-time and part-time employees. Our branches house over 200,000 volumes of printed material, audio books, film, and other documents, and we have an online branch at [www.ccplonline.org](http://www.ccplonline.org) where we are adding new resources regularly. Currently, there are over 75,000 county residents who have library cards and that number grows every day.

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