

# Press Release

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### Westland Library Board Names Jennifer Roth Interim Library Director



October 6, 2020 – The Westland Library Board has appointed Jennifer Roth to serve as the interim Library Director, which was recently vacated by previous director, Ishwar Laxminarayan, who served from June 2018 to September 2020 and resigned earlier this month citing personal reasons. Roth's appointment is effective as of October 5, 2020.

Prior to her appointment, Roth served for three years as the Head of Information Services for the Westland Public Library. She has over 17 years in the field of library services, having formerly worked in libraries in Flint and Hartland. Roth graduated from Wayne State University with a Masters Degree in Library Information Science (MILS) in 2003. She is a member of the American Library Association as well as the Michigan Library Association, where she serves on the Planning Committee.

"I am excited for Jennifer as she steps into her new role at the Westland Library," commented Mayor Wild. "Throughout her employment she truly excelled at increasing innovation and

access to technology for library patrons and has expanded programming geared towards adults of all ages."

Roth was selected unanimously by the Westland Library Board and was also highly recommended for the position by the former Library Director.

"I am excited to take on this new position," commented Roth. "It has been an honor to be involved in the progress at the library over the past three years and I look forward to continuing that progress alongside our talented staff as we continue to navigate through these challenging times."

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

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