



ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Rocky River Public Library Appoints New Director

MARCH 2025 – Longtime staff member Peter Matera was named the new director of Rocky River Public Library by the Board of Trustees at its March meeting.

“Peter is the right choice to lead the fantastic RRPL team as the library readies for its next century,” says Jenny Fisher, president of the board.

Matera assumes the vacancy left by Jessica Breslin, who resigned in February to return to a public-facing role as a teen librarian for the Cuyahoga County Public Library system.

"This is a unique library and Rocky River is an engaged community. It's truly an honor to foster meaningful connections between the two. We have so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to," Matera says.

In 2007, Matera joined the RRPL team as a computer aide before being promoted to computer support specialist and systems support specialist. While working in those roles at RRPL, he also earned his master's degree in library science at Kent State University.

In 2017, he was promoted to technology services manager and in 2019, earned the role of support services manager. Last year, his growing responsibilities were recognized with a promotion to deputy director of internal services and was named interim director in February.

As a deputy director, Matera has overseen the library systems, applications, and technology-related services, as well as the acquisition, cataloging and processing of the physical and digital collections. A graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's in fine arts, Matera spent the first few years of his career at Grove City Library and the Ingalls Library at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

“We’ve been impressed with Peter’s proactive and data-focused leadership for years. Now, we’re eager for all facets of the library to benefit from his collaborative spirit, thoughtful insights and willingness to learn,” Fisher says.

She continues, “Peter also recognizes the true heart of the library is the dedicated and talented staff who make RRPL the wonderful community asset it is. That was very important to us.”