

Deputy Director Announcement

Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) Director Karla Palichuk, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jocie Wilson as the Deputy Director effective September 3, 2025, taking over from Wendy Sears Ilnicki who is retiring.

Jocie began working at YRL in June 2010 as a Library Consultant before moving into the role of Manager, Collections and Resource Sharing, in September 2019. During her time at YRL, Jocie has continued to demonstrate her ability to lead by co-chairing the joint health and safety committee, chairing the TRAC Bibliographic Services Group and ad hoc Digital Content Group, and helped to plan many annual conferences including chairing the Stronger Together Library Conference planning team in 2024.

In addition to her work at YRL, Jocie has undertaken other professional roles across the province and beyond, including Second Vice President and Director for the Library Association of Alberta from 2021 to 2024, and chairing the Young Reader's Choice Award through the Pacific Northwest Library Association since 2011. Most recently, Jocie joined the academic teaching staff at the University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies teaching the Digital Libraries class in January of 2025.

Through the University of Alberta, Jocie earned a Master of Library and Information Studies in 2010 and a Bachelor of Arts in 2006.

Karla welcomes Jocie to her new position and, along with the YRL staff, looks forward to working with her in her new leadership role at YRL.