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PHOTO: VBDL Bangor Branch Librarian Yvette Salomon-Hamilton

VBDL NAMES NEW BANGOR BRANCH LIBRARIAN

DECATUR, MICHIGAN - - - - Van Buren District Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Yvette Salomon-Hamilton as the new Bangor Branch Librarian.

Salomon-Hamilton succeeds Bobbi Martindale, who retired recently after 32 years as a valued VBDL staff member.

Assuming the leadership role in Bangor is a dream fulfilled for Salomon-Hamilton. “When I was eight years old, I visited the old Bangor Library. They were playing ‘The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe’ on a TV. I checked out the book, read it and was hooked on libraries from then on.”

Salomon-Hamilton comes from a strong family of migrant workers, who settled in Bangor more than forty years ago.

“When I went to Decatur to interview for this position, I drove past the migrant camp where I stayed as a little girl. And now, through hard work and patience, I reached my goal of being the Bangor Branch Librarian.”

Salomon-Hamilton, who brings a background in business management and retail to the branch, believes that close collaboration with the schools and local businesses will help build the role of the library as the heart of the community.

“I know we’re kind of on pause right now,” Salomon-Hamilton says, “but great things are coming. We just know it.”

VBDL Bangor Branch is located at 420 Division Street and is open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00am to 7:00pm; Thursday and Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm; and Saturday, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Van Buren District Library is headquartered in Decatur with branches in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Mattawan.

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