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### Ringwood Hires New Library Director

(Ringwood, NJ, June 10) The Ringwood Public Library announces the appointment of Daniel Parker as Director of the Library, effective July 8.

Mr. Parker is in the process of moving from Clarion, Pennsylvania, where he has been the Mayor and Executive Director of the Clarion County Library System. A hiring committee that included Board members, staff members and members of the community, considered a large group of applicants.

“That Daniel was mayor of his town really impressed me,” says Board member, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, who headed the hiring committee. “Ringwood's library director needs to be able to work with the Board, Borough Council, school system, volunteer organizations, library staff and the Friends group. Daniel successfully did this in Pennsylvania with tremendously positive feedback from the people with whom he worked. He's personable, knowledgeable and effective and we are lucky he chose us. It was a unanimous decision.” Mr. Parker will advance significant library initiatives, including the implementation of the strategic plan, building partnerships with community groups and developing the library's fundraising efforts.

Amy Boyle Geisel, Board President, is looking forward to working with the new director. “I see great things happening at the Ringwood Public Library under the leadership of Dan Parker. Dan understands and values the role the library plays as the anchor of our community. He comes to us with fantastic experience, credentials and energy”. Geisel encourages all Ringwood residents to come to the library. “Get your library card and see all that we have to offer now and especially, once our new director takes charge.”

Parker, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he also received a Masters in Library and Information Science, says, “I'm very excited to come to Ringwood. It's a beautiful community that cares about its library. I want to develop more programs for teens and make the library a center of the community for all ages. I like to think of the library as a community center with books; the connections we make there with each other are just as important as the books on the shelves. Come to the library to borrow a book or movie, use technology, enjoy a cultural program, to meet your friends or make a new one.”