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*From the desk of Paige MacFarlane*

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mari Martin as the Director of the Libraries Branch with the Ministry of Education.

After a national competition, the selection panel enthusiastically endorsed Mari, who has been with the Ministry since 2011. Mari brings a depth of knowledge and skill to the position, having worked in a wide variety of roles in the sector, ranging from children's librarian to public service coordinator, instructional librarian and library manager.

In her previous ministry role as Library Consultant, Mari has worked with libraries all across BC and in liaison roles with the BC Library Trustees Association and BC Libraries Cooperative.

Mari's experience has included stints at West Vancouver Public Library, Prince George Public Library, Vancouver Island Regional Library, and Royal Roads University.

Mari graduated with her MLIS from UBC in 2002; she also holds a BA in History and Anthropology from UVic. Her passion and dedication to the library profession and to public service is second to none, and I look forward to working more closely with her as she assumes her new responsibilities.

I also would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Bev Shaw for taking on the role of Acting Director of Libraries so ably over the past 18 months. The branch has been well served under her stewardship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige MacFarlane".

Paige MacFarlane  
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