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Dear Ohioana Community

On behalf of the Ohioana Library Association, I am pleased to share that Dr. Amelia Adams, who is currently serving as Interim Executive Director for the Association, has been selected as Ohioana's Executive Director, effective July 1.

Dr. Adams brings a deep understanding of Ohioana's mission, strong leadership experience, and a meaningful commitment to preserving and promoting Ohio's literary heritage. In her current role as Interim Director, she has been carefully and cost-effectively managing the complex relocation of Ohioana's priceless collection of literary treasures, due to the early termination of the State Library of Ohio's lease at Ohioana's current location. Her connection to the organization, knowledge of its programs, and passion for Ohio's authors and readers position her well to guide Ohioana into its next chapter.

Throughout the search process, Dr. Adams demonstrated a clear understanding of Ohioana's history, current opportunities, and future needs. Her leadership will be especially important as Ohioana continues to strengthen its statewide visibility, support authors, steward its collections, grow partnerships, and build long-term organizational sustainability.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in this process, including the candidates, board members, staff, and search partners who gave their time and thoughtful consideration.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Adams and welcoming her into this role.

With appreciation,
L. Bradfield Hughes
President, Ohioana Library Association
Board of Trustees