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PLA deputy director accepts Urban Libraries Council position

Bridget A. Bradley, deputy executive director of the Public Library Association (PLA), is resigning to accept the position of vice president for program and administration for the Urban Libraries Council in Evanston, Ill. Her resignation is effective July 19.

"Known for her grace and equanimity under pressure, Bridget has been a dynamic force in the changes that have occurred at PLA over the past six years," said PLA President Elliot Shelkrot. "She was especially helpful during the transition between executive directors. Her organizational skills will be greatly missed."

Bradley was hired by PLA in June 1987 to serve as its program officer and was promoted to deputy executive director in October 1988. In this position, Bradley managed PLA's successful continuing education program, served as primary staff liaison to the fund raising committee, supervised the PLA office and its public relations functions, worked with the PLA executive director on planning and evaluation and provided support to the PLA Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Budget and Finance Committee as well as various other committees. She served as acting executive director from November 1992 to January 1993.

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Among the highlights during Bradley's six-year tenure with PLA are: three successful national conferences, including the largest in PLA history; creation of the Chicago Cluster workshop series and establishment of the PLA Partners fund-raising program.

"Bridget has been an invaluable asset in the growth and development of PLA over the past six years," said George Needham, PLA executive director. "We wish her well in her new endeavor, knowing we will miss her at 50 E. Huron."

Before joining PLA, Bradley worked for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in Washington, D.C., as program officer and project director for "Southern Reflections: Book Talks in Virginia Public Libraries," an NEH grant project. She has also held various school and public library positions in Virginia and Pennsylvania from 1974-1984.

Bradley has a master's degree in library science from Villanova (Pa.) University.

A PLA member, Bradley is also a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Society of Association Executives.

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