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Harford County Public Library Foundation Welcomes Jamila Mettee to the Board

Belcamp, Md., July 31, 2024 – The Harford County Public Library Foundation has elected Jamila Mettee as the newest member of its board of directors.

Jamila Mettee is a Realtor at Integrity Real Estate and has an extensive background in Accounting and Human Resources, having worked for Frederick Ward Associates for over a decade. Passionate about education and youth development, Mettee has dedicated her time to volunteering and serving on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations in Harford and Cecil Counties. Her notable board positions include the Rockfield Manor Board, Harford County Community Foundation Board, United Way Run Advisory Board, and the Harford Family House Board. Mettee holds a bachelor's degree in international business from Penn State University. She will serve a three-year term on the Foundation board.

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that raises funds to augment Harford County Public Library's financial resources and promote awareness of its services. The Foundation board is currently working on several projects, including a Game Changers Business Speakers Series with Dr. Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO of the Sage Policy Group, Inc., at the Abingdon Library on September 11, the Wheelchair Costume Workshop at the Edgewood EpiCenter on October 4 and 5, and the 20th Annual Gala "Cirque de Magie" at the Abingdon Library on October 26.

"We are delighted to welcome Jamila to the Foundation board," said Amber C. Shrodes, Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement with Harford County Public Library. "The Harford County Public Library is an indispensable resource for our community, fostering education, connection, and inspiration. Our Foundation board members are visionary leaders whose influence extends to all corners of Harford County. With their support, we continue to enhance and extend essential Library services."

"The Harford County Public Library Foundation Board plays a vital role in enriching our community. The generous contributions managed by the Foundation support many meaningful initiatives in our communities, including the Summer and Winter Reading programs, author discussions, the Rolling Reader, and the Innovation Lab at Abingdon, as well as new materials

and capital improvements. Engaged and passionate board members, like Jamila, are essential to our mission, ensuring we continue to provide valuable resources and services to anyone, anytime," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County offering access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the Library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi, and attending classes and events. In 2023 Harford County Public Library received Graphic Design USA's American Inhouse Design Award™ for graphic excellence, the third time in five years. For more information, visit HCPLonline.org.

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