

## CITY OF NEWBURYPORCTTY CLERK'S OFFICE NEWBURYPORT, MA SEAN R. REARDON, MAYOR 2023 SEP - 5 A 9: 20

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September 5, 2023

Dear Clerk Jones,

On June 7, 2023, I designated Jessica Atherton Acting Head Librarian of the Newburyport Public Library, effective June 8. Section 3-5 of the City Charter provides for a 90 day acting appointment, which may be extended twice for 30 days. Today I am executing the first 30-day extension, effective September 6, 2023. Jessica Atherton will perform the duties of the office of Head Librarian on a temporary basis until the office can be filled by the selection of the Library Board of Directors. I certify that Ms. Atherton is qualified to perform the duties which will be required and that I make this designation solely in the interests of the City of Newburyport.

The search committee assembled by the Library Board of Directors is reviewing candidates now and identifying finalists who will be interviewed by the full Board. The Board will then select a Head Librarian to fill the position.

Respectfully,

Sean R. Reardon

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Mayor