

SOPL Announces New Head of Youth Services



Keisha Miller, Head of Youth Services at SOPL

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South Orange, NJ - Longtime Teen Librarian at South Orange Public Library (SOPL), Keisha Miller, has been promoted to Head of Youth Services, announced Library Director Jill Faherty. “Her advocacy for all youth, commendable experience as a Teen Librarian, engaging programming skills, and enthusiasm to support the South Orange community have prepared her well for this role,” said Faherty.

In this newly-created position, Miller will oversee children’s and teen services, which includes programming, collection development, and staff management, responsibilities that reflect her passion for equity and equality, and her belief that the library is the “living room of the community, a place where everyone comes together to share and create.”

“It’s extra special to work in such a beautiful town with a village of diverse people and ideas,” Miller said. “For this reason and so many others, I am equally excited to continue the work and advocacy for the youth in the community.”

Miller has been a mainstay at the library since 1998, when she began working part-time as a children’s page. In subsequent years, her responsibilities have grown, earning her Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute in 2012, and as the library’s teen librarian, she has led the VolunTEEN program every summer.

“It’s hard to believe that the toddlers who I met many years ago are now high school or college students,” Miller said. “In this position as Head of Youth Services, I look forward to meeting many more kids, teens and their families.”

The New Jersey Library Association has recognized Miller numerous times for her work at SOPL and the broader library community: In 2012, she was chosen as an Emerging Leader, and in 2021, NJLA awarded her its most prestigious honor, Librarian of the Year. That same year, she was elected to NJLA’s Executive Board.

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