

Kimberly Johnson Promoted To New Chief Executive Officer Tulsa City County Library



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Kimberly Johnson has been promoted to chief executive officer for the Tulsa City-County Library. Johnson is the first African-American to become the library's top administrator. In this role, she will develop and implement long-range plans for services and operations, execute the 2030 Facili-

ties Master Plan, and lead the public service side of the Central Library renovation project.

Johnson earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tulsa and earned her Master of library and information science from the University of Oklahoma. She joined the Tulsa

City-County Library in 1998 as the first coordinator of the African-American Resource Center. In that role she was responsible for collecting, preserving and providing access to resources honoring and documenting the experiences of people of African descent. She established the library's first countywide

public tour to Oklahoma's Historic All Black Towns as well as Tulsa's first county-wide reading initiative, "Tulsa Metro Reads."

In 2005, she was promoted as the manager of the South Broken Arrow Library, followed by a promotion in 2010 as the manager of Hardesty Regional Library. In 2012, she

was promoted to regional director with responsibility for 11 of the Tulsa City-County Library's 24 public locations. A year later Johnson became deputy director, chief innovation officer where she was instrumental in customizing library buildings and services to meet the demands of the 21st century library customer.