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Lake Villa District Library Names Elisa Gueffier Head of Youth Services

Elisa Gueffier has been named Head of the Youth Services Department at Lake Villa District Library. A 14-year employee of LVDL, Gueffier has been a children's librarian responsible for collection development, programming, story times, outreach and hiring performers to entertain and engage the library's youngest visitors.

Among her many credits, Gueffier created the Write Stuff program, an ongoing creative writing workshop for children in grades 4 – 6 that includes annually publishing a literary magazine of the same name. 2017 marks the magazine's 10th anniversary and will include work from authors who were featured in previous editions.

Gueffier takes over the position at an exciting time, as the library is on the brink of building a brand-new facility. "The new building presents a fantastic opportunity," said Gueffier. "There will be endless possibilities to create programs and initiatives to delight children and open their eyes to the wonders of books and all the library has to offer."

The Youth Services Department is made up of eight employees who serve children from birth through age 12 and their families. The department offers a robust program line-up—everything from story times, hands-on activities, book discussions and much more. "It's wonderful to have such an amazing group of colleagues who bring so much energy and enthusiasm to their work with children," said Gueffier, "I'm honored to oversee this department."

Gueffier received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois and holds a BS in English Literature and Spanish from Knox College. She lives in Antioch with her husband Francoix and two children, Quentin and Vivien.

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