

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR?

# JENNY BAKOS

## BLACKWATER REGIONAL LIBRARY

- Jenny has been working for the Blackwater Regional Library System for eight years; she began as a branch manager first in Carrollton, then Smithfield, before being promoted to Director for the entire system. Before working in Western Tidewater, Jenny worked for the Library of Virginia, and both the Hampton City and Suffolk City Libraries. She has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor's in English Literature from Virginia Commonwealth University.
- She has a strong passion for public libraries, especially the role they play in their community's future regarding technology education for all ages.
- She recently accepted a new position at the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland.



# SONIA ALCÁNTARA-ANTOINE

## NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Sonia has been the Director of Newport News Public Library since Sept 2017. Before that she worked in various leadership positions at Virginia Beach Public Library and Enoch Pratt Free Library.
- Sonia received a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences from Florida State University and is currently working towards her Master's of Public Administration at Old Dominion University.
- In her role at Newport News, Sonia is focused on meeting people where they are through innovative programs and outreach, building 21<sup>st</sup> century library facilities, and revamping internal processes and systems for greater impact. Sonia is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff who are working towards the same vision!



# CLINT S. RUDY

## SUFFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Clint serves as the Director of Libraries for the City of Suffolk. He has served in that position since May 2013. He began his library career in southeast Pennsylvania before becoming Branch Manager for the City of Portsmouth in 2004. He then served as the Library Systems Administrator.
- He has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition, he is a 2012 graduate of the Virginia Library Leadership Academy.
- In his role in Suffolk, Clint's focus has been on innovation and community engagement. He is very proud of his creative and dedicated staff who have excelled at challenging the community's perceptions of the role of the library with the Pop-Up Library, distinctive marketing, and progressive policies and procedures.



# QUESTIONS?

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