Maria Carpenter, Director of Advancement, Marketing and Communications, will depart Northeastern University after 10 years at Snell Library. Maria will leave her position on August 26 to become the new Director of Somerville Public Library.

“I’m sure we all appreciate that it’s a challenge to be taking on the leadership of a public library at this time,” says Will Wakeling, Dean of the Northeastern University Libraries, “but I can’t imagine that Somerville could have done better than to put Maria in charge. In her 10 years at Snell Library she’s never been daunted by challenges.”

As Director of Advancement, Marketing and Communications Maria managed the promotion of library services, developed programming, launched the Library’s fundraising program, built the Library’s donor base, and raised over $1.2 million in donations. One of her greatest accomplishments was founding the Library’s Meet the Author series, which brings well-known authors, like Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Harding, to the Northeastern campus to explore important issues that foster thought and discussion.

Maria began her career at Northeastern University as a Reference and Instruction Librarian in 2001 and expanded her role to Director of Advancement, Marketing and Communications in 2005. She is an active member of the American Library Association, where she has worked on a number of initiatives to improve the status of ethnic and cultural minorities in the library profession. She is a published author in the field of leadership, and is a student in the Doctoral Program in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions at Simmons College.

Her many friends and colleagues at Northeastern University congratulate Maria Carpenter and wish her the best in her new position.

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