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**LIBRARY DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AT
THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Hyattsville, Md.— Library Director Maralita “Micki” Freeny announced today she will retire July 31 after a 37-year career with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System.

Michael J. Howard, President of the Board of Library Trustees said that a national search is in progress to find a replacement for Freeny. Associate Director for Public Services Evelyn Tchiyuka will serve as interim director.

Freeny began her career with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System as a children’s librarian in 1971 and later managed the Beltsville and Hyattsville Branches. She became associate director for public services in 1991 and library director in 2001. She received the Gladys Noon Spellman Award in 2005, the annual award honoring excellence in public service by an outstanding female employee of the Prince George’s County Government.

Freeny was a member of the 2005 Caldecott Committee and the 1999 Newbery Committee, national committees administered by the American Library Association. She serves on the Prince George’s County Commission for Children, Youth and Families and the Birth to 5 Task Force of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators.