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## Rebecca Wendt Sworn in as Deputy State Librarian

**(Sacramento)** – Rebecca Wendt was sworn into office as Deputy State Librarian on Monday morning following her <u>appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom</u>.

"I'm honored by the trust that the Governor has placed in me," said Wendt, "and expect to stay as busy as a bee working with the statewide library community and ensuring quality service for the patrons of the State Library."

Wendt joined the California State Library in October 2016 as State Library Services Bureau Chief. Prior to her arrival at the Library, Rebecca was Deputy State Archivist at the California State Archives, where she had worked since 2001. Previously, she was a Manuscripts and Photographs Curator at UC Davis in the Special Collections Department of the University Library.

As Deputy State Librarian, Rebecca oversees the "program and operations sides" of the California State Library, which include the State Library Services and Library Development Services bureaus. State Library Services operates the library reading rooms and is also responsible for the acquisition, cataloging, maintenance, and preservation of the State Library's collections. Library Development Services administers state and federal grant programs for California's libraries, works to enhance library collaboration and resource-sharing, and provides consulting services to public libraries and associated groups and organizations.

Wendt earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University and is a backyard bee keeper in her spare time.

**About the State Library:** Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state's rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners' diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. Visit the State Library online at <a href="https://www.library.ca.gov">www.library.ca.gov</a>.