

CITY OF OSAWATOMIE

439 Main Street
PO Box 37
Osawatomie, Kansas 66064



913.755.2146 (p)
913.755.4146 (f)
ozcity@osawatomieks.org
www.osawatomieks.org

L. Mark Govea, Mayor

NEWS RELEASE
February 17, 2021

MEDIA CONTACT: Samantha Moon
smoon@osawatomieks.org
913-755-2146 x103

OSAWATOMIE PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

Osawatomie, Kansas – The City of Osawatomie and the Library Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that Dr. Morgan Menefee Crabtree has been appointed as the next Library Director for the Osawatomie Public Library. Dr. Crabtree has spent her career in a variety of academic settings and school districts, and joins us from Osawatomie USD #367 where she served as a high school English teacher. After a comprehensive, multi-month search to find an individual with the experience and vision necessary to propel the Library forward, the Osawatomie Public Library's Board of Trustees and City Manager unanimously approved her appointment.

Dr. Crabtree's educational and professional background shows her dedication to research, ingenuity, and literacy across the board, and she will be an asset to the community at large. She will work to maintain her involvement in the school district's existing literacy teams and strengthen the relationship between the Library and USD #367, and is eager to begin implementing her many ideas for programming across all ages. Her primary goal is one of universal, functional literacy for children and adults.

We believe that the Library is on the verge of a breakthrough into something bigger and better, due in large part to all the work that previous Director Elizabeth Trigg has done in the last several years. Dr. Crabtree will be a great leader as we continue that work to transform the library into the community space, literacy center, and ultimate creative anchor of our community for people of all ages and backgrounds. We believe she has the initiative and tenacity to continue the legacy of growth and community engagement that her predecessor Trigg battled for over the last decade.

We're greatly looking forward to working with Dr. Crabtree and watching her lead the Osawatomie Public Library into the next generation.

###