

We just received word that the current associate director of the [Birmingham Public Library](#), Irene Blalock, has been named its new director. She was one of several candidates for the position, which [received a lot of attention from The Birmingham News earlier this month](#). Barbara Sirmans, the former director, announced her retirement in August; Pamela Lyons has been serving as the organization's interim director. According to the News' account, Blalock has spent her entire career with the BPL.