

Collins advocates for Kentucky libraries on national stage

LEBANON - Marion County Public Library Director Jamie Collins recently traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of Voices for Libraries, a national advocacy initiative organized by the Chief Officers of State Libraries (COSLA). "Representing Marion County Public Library — and all Kentucky libraries — is such an honor for me," said Collins. "Libraries are vital to our communities. The free services we offer — faxing, scanning, and notary — are just a few examples of how we support our patrons."

Collins was invited to join Kentucky's delegation by Denise Lyons, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, alongside Mark Adler, Director of the Paris-Bourbon Public Library. Together, the group represented libraries across the Commonwealth

in meetings with congressional offices.

During their time on Capitol Hill, the delegation met with staff and officials from the offices of James Comer, Thomas Massie, Andy Barr, Brett Guthrie, Morgan McGarvey, Mitch McConnell, and Rand Paul.

Key topics included continued federal and state funding for libraries, support for the Kentucky Talking Book Library, the importance of bookmobiles and outreach services, workforce development initiatives, and the role of strong community partnerships.

Collins emphasized the success of collaborative efforts at home. "I am very proud of Marion County Public Library's partnerships with the City of Lebanon, Marion County Fiscal Court, and the City of Loretto," she

said. "I highlighted that the library has been able to add a branch location, work with local government on tackling homelessness, and serve as a polling location, among other projects."

While much of the trip focused on advocacy, Collins also took time to explore some of the nation's most treasured institutions. She visited the National Archives, the United States Botanic Garden, the National Gallery of Art, and the iconic Library of Congress.

"I had to get my library card while I was there!" Collins said with a smile.

Her advocacy work will continue later this month as Collins prepares to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis from March 31 through April 3. She will be joined by

Marion County Public Library Operations Manager Brittany Stonerock.

"We are so grateful to KDLA for a conference grant that allows us to travel to this national convention," Collins said. "I can't wait to see what we learn and what we can bring back to Marion County."

Through her work both locally and nationally, Collins continues to highlight the essential role libraries play — not just as centers for books, but as hubs for connection, innovation, and community support.

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David Daugherty
Marion County Judge/Executive

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