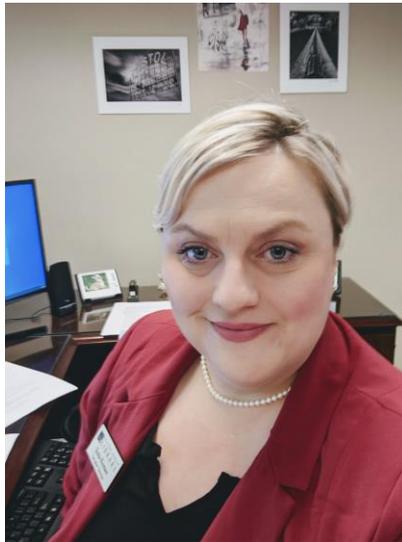


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Hello, I'm Tonia Kestner, the Executive Director for the Bristol Public Library. I have a long time passion for libraries and for the service they provide to their communities. Although I have only been in this position for a short time, I have seen that this staff is just as passionate. While we understand the need to try to slow the spread of COVID-19, we miss our patrons and are looking forward to reopening as soon as it is safe. Our staff is working very hard to have the library ready for reopening. We are disinfecting returned materials, wiping down computers, processing new books, re-shelving old ones, and putting shelves in order. We are also staying away from each other while we work to be safe.

We invite you to explore our website for the services we can still offer: the daily Bristol Herald Courier, downloadable eBooks, audio books, and streaming video from READs; or learn something new using Universal Class. Our staff will be monitoring email

through the week, so please send us any questions and we will try our best to meet your needs. You can find the email addresses on our webpage. If you call between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, you will have the option to speak with circulation, reference, or the Jones Creativity Center.

Mrs. Michelle is posting links on the Children's Facebook page to online stories, games, and educational materials, and Ms. Jaden is providing links for teens. Be sure and check out our social media for updates. Links are on our websites.

We will also be posting some videos along the way to highlight our progress and just check in with you.

Please take care of yourselves and practice the safety guidelines set out by the CDC, also available on our website. We look forward to seeing you again as soon as we reopen.