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Springfield Museum Opens Tomorrow; Welcomes New Curator

The Springfield Museum will reopen tomorrow, October 3, under the direction of the Springfield Public Library and new Museum Curator Megan Lallier-Barron.

Lallier-Barron is a familiar face at the Springfield Museum, having worked as interim director in 2014 and later serving on the Board of Directors. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in Archaeology and Art History from the State University of New York College at Potsdam and has a master's in Arts Administration from the University of Oregon. She's worked as an archaeologist for the New York State Museum, and has worked for the Lane County History Museum, Albany Regional Museum, and most recently the Museum of Mental Health at the Oregon State Hospital.

Lallier-Barron joins the Springfield Museum as it transitions to operate under the direction of the Springfield Public Library.

The new operating structure will allow the Library and Museum to further collaborate on programming and events while also integrating marketing, fundraising and grant activities, archives and other functions. It will also allow the Museum to access the Library's well-established volunteer program, which provides more than 5,000 hours of support each year.

The Library and Museum have consistently collaborated to bring cultural, historical, and informational programs to Springfield residents and beyond. The new operating structure helps maximize staff expertise and volunteer support in delivering services.

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