

Dana Sally Named Dean of Library Sciences

Dana M. Sally, dean of university libraries at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, is WCU's first dean of library services, effective Feb. 11.

Sally comes to Cullowhee with more than 30 years of experience in managing and leading academic libraries, including 10 years as associate director of the library at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has been in his current post at West Florida since 2005.



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Sally is filling a position previously held by Bil Stahl, who had been serving as head librarian and chief information officer since March 2005. Through a reorganization announced by Provost Kyle Carter, Stahl is now the university's full-time CIO, and the head librarian position has been elevated to dean status.

"Dr. Sally brings tremendous knowledge and experience to the position," Carter said. "He will be a great asset to the university as it redesigns its curriculum to implement engaged learning because

he understands the central role of the library in supporting faculty as they focus on student learning outcomes."

The appointment will go to the WCU board of trustees for formal approval at its March meeting.

During his career, Sally has served as co-head of the public services division of the Virginia Tech libraries, head of the Evansdale Library at West Virginia University and librarian for a facility serving five academic departments at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also has worked in libraries at California University of Pennsylvania, and Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.; taught philosophy classes at N.C. State University; served as a Russian translator for the U.S. Army Security Agency; and taught high school science in Pennsylvania.

Sally holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from California University of Pennsylvania; master's degree in library sciences from the University of Pittsburgh; and master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy from UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I am very excited about joining the academic leadership team at Western Carolina and coming to Cullowhee," Sally said. "I am looking forward to working with the provost, the other deans and the WCU faculty and staff in continuing to build a strong and vibrant library presence."

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