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New county librarian named

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Anne Mallinson Turner, a librarian from Lowell, Mass., is the new director of the Santa Cruz City-County Public Library System, following a unanimous vote this morning by library board trustees. She will start work on Nov. 14.

The appointment does not come as a surprise; there were rumors last week that Ms. Turner had been selected, though Jesus Armas, Santa Cruz assistant city manager, denied Friday that "a formal decision" had been made.

"Ann Mallinson Turner's name will be submitted to the board for approval, but no vote has been taken. Nothing is official," he said in a telephone interview Friday afternoon.

Candidates for the job were recently narrowed to two, Ms. Turner and acting library direc-

tor Susan Elgin. Mrs. Elgin has served as director for almost a year, following former director Charles Atkins' retirement last December.

According to Armas, as acting director Mrs. Elgin "demonstrated to us considerable administrative skills and talents." Armas would not comment on Mrs. Elgin's future with the library, but did say there could be a change in the "organizational structure" of the system. Before her appointment as acting director, Mrs. Elgin was the children's librarian at the main branch in Santa Cruz.

There were more than 45 applicants for the director's position.

A application-screening panel narrowed the applicants to ten.

Members of the panel were Sara Bunnett, library board member; Barbara Campbell, Santa Clara County librarian; Pat Busch, assistant county administrative officer; and Armas.

Then the ten were interviewed by a separate committee: Al Reetz and Jay Bartle, library board members; Barbara Morris, member of Friends of the Library; June Fleming, assistant city manager and former librarian for the city of Palo Alto; and Catherine Boxer from the county administrator's office. Santa Cruz City Manager Richard Wilson acted as a non-voting "observer."

This group selected Mrs. Elgin and Ms. Turner as finalists. Wilson made his formal recommendation of Ms. Turner at this morning's board meeting.