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MEET THE STAFF OF SUFFOLK LITERACY COUNCIL

SUFFOLK, VA (October 21, 2020) Suffolk Literacy Council is proud to announce and welcome DeAnna Smith as the new Program Coordinator. DeAnna will be responsible for writing and submitting grants, the recruitment, intake and retention of students and tutors as well as other program support responsibilities.

DeAnna received her Master's degree in English Literature from Old Dominion University. She has spent the last three years working with Humanities Behind Bars (HBB) as Program Coordinator. HBB focuses on providing mutual aid and education to formerly and currently incarcerated people and their loved ones. As Program Coordinator, she develops community education programs centered around the criminal justice system and ways to combat the social economic, and psychological issues of those affected by that system. She also connects with like-minded social justice organizations in building programs that can reach farther than the Hampton Roads area. Her focus and passion is on supporting the community through education.

Suffolk Literacy Council is also proud to announce the promotion of Karen Johnson from Administrative Professional to Office Manager. Karen received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management from Saint Leo University. She has over 15+ years of administrative experience in the real estate and legal fields working closely with attorneys, paralegals, clients and vendors. Prior to coming to Suffolk Literacy Council, Karen worked as a Human Resources Assistant for a local government contractor. She also serves as a resource for kidney patients.

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