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Miguel Figueroa Selected as President and Chief Executive Officer of Amigos Library Services

Dallas, TX – The Board of Directors of Amigos Library Services (Amigos) is pleased to announce that Miguel Figueroa will serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of Amigos Library Services beginning September 14, 2020. In concert with the Board of Directors, Miguel will provide leadership for one of the largest library cooperatives of public, academic, state and special libraries in the United States. Figueroa will lead a staff of 23, administer an annual revenue budget of \$14 million, and oversee diverse membership programs that include Consulting and Education Services, Member Discount Services, SimplyE, Association Management Services, Online Events by Amigos and an extensive courier program as well as related resource sharing programs for members.



Figueroa will represent Amigos in professional and public settings while fostering collaborative relationships among member libraries and partners.

“The Board of Directors is delighted and privileged to have Miguel agree to lead Amigos Library Services in the role of President and CEO,” said Chris LeBeau, Chair of the Amigos Board. “Having conducted a nationwide search, we believe Miguel is best suited to enhance Amigos’ prominence in the library consortia landscape. Miguel is well known for his work in the area of the future of libraries, and we welcome the opportunity to explore services that speak to that future.”

“I feel so fortunate to have been offered this opportunity to join the Amigos community,” Figueroa said. “I am excited to begin working with our members, the board, and the staff to continue a tradition of service to libraries.”

Most recently, Figueroa served as Director of the Center for the Future of Libraries at the American Library Association (ALA). At ALA, Miguel also served as Director of the Office for Diversity and Spectrum Scholarship Program and Director of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. Other positions Miguel has held include Director of Member Programs at the American Theological Library Association and Associate Director of Publishing at Neal-Schuman Publishers. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona’s Knowledge River Program, an initiative that examines library issues from Hispanic and Native American perspectives, receiving an MA in Information Resources and Library Science. He holds two bachelor’s degrees, in English and history, from Arizona State University.

Miguel steps into the President and CEO position vacated by Alan Kornblau.

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About Amigos Library Services

Amigos is one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. Collaboration strengthens each member's ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. www.amigos.org.

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