

## **Cheyenne Chontos**

### **Cheyenne Chontos hired as director of the Harrisburg Community Library**

The City of Harrisburg has hired Cheyenne Chontos as the new director of the Harrisburg Community Library.

“What drew me to Harrisburg is that it is such a tight-knit community, the type that you can really find in a small town,” said Cheyenne. “I know Harrisburg is growing and changing, but people here also have a real sense of identity and pride.”

Cheyenne has worked as a professional librarian since 2021. She graduated from Augustana in 2015 with a degree in Elementary Education then went on to Emporia State University in 2021 to get her Master of Library Science. She previously worked at Sage Project Consultants and then the South Dakota State Library. She is from Sioux Falls.

Cheyenne says she looks to the community to help guide the library.

“Community input and communications are important for libraries to grow and meet the needs of community members. I want the community to feel like it has a say in the direction of its library. I also hope over time we can expand services offering more programs for all age groups.”

She is also looking for ways to get more people into the library.

“We want the library to be that community hub and place of inclusion offering something for everyone.”

So far, Cheyenne likes her new role.

“The Harrisburg Library is such a warm inviting place, and I am honored that I get to be part of it.”

Cheyenne is married to Jeff Thormodsgard, an English teacher at Roosevelt High School.

“In my free time I enjoy reading (of course!), exploring the local state parks and spending time with friends and family. Both my husband and I also love spoiling our cat, Purrman Catpote.”

Cheyenne started her role as director in November.