

Voluntary Action Center of Northern Illinois announces new executive director

Former educator Rick Burchell to begin role July 1

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The Voluntary Action Center of Northern Illinois recently announced the appointment of Rick Burchell as its next executive director.

Burchell previously served as principal of Kaneland Middle School for eight years and Director of the Fox Valley Career Center for fourteen years.

Throughout his career, Burchell has overseen large educational systems and secured numerous grants to support programs and services.

"The board believes Burchell's extensive leadership experience, commitment to collaboration, and dedication to community service make him exceptionally well-suited to lead VAC into the future," board members wrote in a statement.



Rick Burchell

Burchell will begin the new role on July 1 and will be heading up VAC's ongoing operations in DeKalb County, as well as in Kendall, La Salle, Bureau, and Putnam counties.

"The Board is excited to welcome Rick to the VAC family," board president Joel Maurer said in a statement.

"His experience, vision, and strong community connections will help build upon the organization's legacy of service while positioning VAC for continued growth and impact."

The Voluntary Action Center of Northern Illinois provides transportation, nutrition and other support services for seniors, individuals with disabilities and residents in need across northern Illinois.

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McNabb library announces June programming

The Putnam County Public Library District's McNabb branch announced its remaining June programs.

Docs & Dialogue: The Pack Horse Librarians of Appalachia, 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 – Documentary about women on horseback who delivered books and hope to the most remote corners of Kentucky. 27 minutes. Made possible by PBS.

Chapter 250: Reading America's Story Together, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 – This hybrid teen book club will preview

Ken Burns' PBS documentary, "The American Revolution," followed by a group discussion.

This session's featured title is "Ashes" by Laurie Halse Anderson. For ages 13–19. In person at the McNabb Branch or via Zoom; register at t.ly/dVqoV. Copies available at the branch.

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact the Putnam County Public Library District at 815-339-2038 or visit the McNabb Branch at 322 W. Main St.

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