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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LANHAM NAMED DEAN OF LIBRARY SERVICES

CHARLESTON, IL--Allen Lanham of Charleston has been named

Dean of Library Services at Eastern Illinois University. He had

been serving as the Acting Dean since August 12 of last year.

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "Allen Lanham has done an excellent job as Acting Dean during the past year and I am pleased that the Search Committee has recommended his permanent appointment."

As Dean, Lanham is responsible for all functions of Booth Library, including budget, human resources, materials and physical facilities. The library has a collection of more than 600,000 volumes and employs 67 faculty, staff and administrators.

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Lanham said, "It has been a pleasure to work with the faculty and staff of Booth Library during this past year. Their enthusiasm for providing the best possible information services to the University community and residents of the surrounding region is outstanding.

"I look forward to building upon the sound traditions of Booth Library and promoting access to its collection, Media Services, and the University Archives. With input from the faculty and students, we will strive to maintain or develop further the variety of quality services.

"The networking of libraries throughout Illinois is excellent and Booth plays an important role in this sharing of resources. The information professionals will be persistent in supporting the most effective program possible for the State."

In addition to his master's in library and information science from the U of I, Lanham earned a bachelor's from Murray State University, master's from Arkansas State University and doctorate from the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, all in music education.

Before coming to Eastern, he had been a member of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico music faculty since 1976 and was chair of its Music Department for eight years.

Lanham has been an academic specialist for the United States
Information Agency in Bolivia and is listed in the International
Who's Who in Music directory.

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He was recommended for the position by a Search Committee, chaired by Jon Laible, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and consisting of 11 faculty, administrators, staff and students.

Barbara Hill, Eastern's provost and vice president for academic affairs said, "It's been a pleasure working with Allen during this past year as Acting Dean and I look forward to working with him as regular dean. He has the unanimous support of the Library Staff and the Search Committee."