

## Robert R. Newlen

### Interim Director



Interim Director Robert R. Newlen, appointed in 2023, has a 42-year career at the Library of Congress, holding leadership positions in CRS, the Law Library and as deputy Librarian of Congress. He most recently served as executive director and director of strategic initiatives of the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation in Phoenix.

Newlen held his first position at the Library of Congress in 1975 as a temporary clerk in the Inquiry Unit

of CRS and retired in 2017 as the deputy Librarian of Congress. He served in a number of leadership positions in CRS from 1975 until 2010. They included: assistant director of Knowledge Services Group (KSG); deputy assistant director, KSG; head, CRS Legislative Relations Office; supervisory team leader of the Senate Reference Center; and head, Inquiry Unit. Subsequent positions in the Library included assistant law librarian for Collections, Outreach & Services; Library of Congress chief of staff; and deputy Librarian of Congress.

Newlen holds a bachelor's degree in political science and French from Bridgewater College; a master's degree from American University; and a master of science in library science degree from Catholic University.