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Deanna Marcum was appointed Associate Librarian for Library Services on August 11, 2003. In this capacity she manages 53 divisions and offices whose over 1,800 employees are responsible for acquisitions, cataloging, public service, and preservation activities, services to the blind and physically handicapped, and network and bibliographic standards for America's national library. She is also responsible for integrating the emerging digital resources into the traditional artifactual library–the first step toward building a national digital library for the 21st century.

In 1995, Dr. Marcum was appointed president of the Council on Library Resources and president of the Commission on Preservation and Access. She oversaw the merger of these two organizations into the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) in 1997 and served as president until August 2003. CLIR's mission is to identify the critical issues that affect the welfare and prospects of libraries and archives and the constituencies they serve, convene individuals and organizations in the best position to engage these issues and respond to them, and encourage institutions to work collaboratively to achieve and manage change.

Dr. Marcum served as Director of Public Service and Collection Management at the Library of Congress from 1993-95. Before that she was the Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America. From 1980 to 1989, she was first a program officer and then vice president of the Council on Library Resources.

Dr. Marcum holds a Ph.D. in American Studies, a master's degree in Library Science, and a bachelor's degree in English.