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MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ANNOUNCES THE NOMINATION OF JODI BLOCK TO THE
CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced his nomination of Jodi Black, creator and owner of
the Children and Paradise Bookstore, to the Chicago Public Library Board.

“Jodi’s vast experience in literature and deep dedication to serving communities across
Chicago will be a tremendous asset to the Chicago Public Libraries Board,” said Mayor
Emanuel. “Libraries are essential to our communities and it is more important than ever
that our libraries provide children, students and families with resources to learn and
grow.”

The Children in Paradise Bookstore, the largest children’s-only bookstore in the
Chicagoland area for 13 years. Jodi was responsible for managing the staff, selecting the
inventory, and overseeing the day to day operations. Jodi currently sits on the board of the
Open Studio Project Personal PAC, and The Chicago Children’s Museum. She and her
husband live in the Lakeview area.

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