

LIBRARIAN'S LINES

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How do I say thank you for the privilege of serving as your Director of Libraries for the past fifteen and one-half years? My experiences have been so very delightful! It really does “take a village” to get progress to occur. I cannot begin to name all the people in this parish that have assisted us in various projects for fear of leaving anyone out! You know who you are! I will hold all of you in my heart for the remainder of my life.

Our staff is outstanding! They have been well-trained during these years with opportunities offered by the State Library of Louisiana and Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian. The addition of new databases, e-books and many other modern methods to accomplish research and read the latest, greatest titles have enriched the lives of the people of our parish.

Emotionally, I am a bit of a wreck. It is not because of any regrets. It is because I am now leaving my home parish and a job that has been both a challenge and a victory! I am quite sure that my emotions will calm down as I adjust to being retired. The forty six and one half years of working have been so refreshing. Each job that I was offered was my favorite. Then other opportunities would come my way...and the next job was my favorite. I have had an amazing career!

The people of Jefferson Davis Parish are remarkable. They have openly expressed appreciation to our staff for their assistance in finding and ordering the latest new titles. Patrons were eager to learn how to utilize the various databases, how to search for job opportunities, how to apply for assistance in times of need and many other enriching and useful tools.

I humbly say good-bye and stand in rare appreciation for the care and concern of all whom I have worked with and worked for...Jefferson Davis Parish “ROCKS!” I look forward to writing another book. This time I will co-author with my husband. We want others to know of hope in the face of losing a spouse. We will travel to sites within the United States that I have always wanted to see. I will be able to visit my sons (one in Lucedale, Mississippi and

one in Cocoa, Florida). My many friends who have retired are eagerly waiting to 'take me to lunch.' The books I want to read will also keep me very happy! As the saying goes..."So many books, not enough time!"

Thank you are two simple words...they do not give all of you the credit for making my service to you so rewarding. I am grateful for coming "home" and giving back to a parish that formed me into a book lover, a person with high work ethics and a person comfortable in my "own skin."

I have complete confidence in Clare Coleman your new Director. She is amazing in many ways. I truly appreciate her calm and gentle spirit, her new ideas for establishing partnerships within the parish and her knowledge of the library world. She and the current competent and willing staff will work well together to reach new goals. "Oh the places you will go!"