

**James “Travis” Horton
Librarian II
Community Services**

Travis joined Wake County in 1986 as a Reference Librarian at the North Regional Library. At that time, the county only had two regional libraries, no public computers or internet access, and no library automation. Travis's interest in the changing world of libraries helped chart his career. He became involved in the developing trend of automation within libraries and helped lay the first Local Area Network at North Regional Library, which allowed staff access to library databases. Without a dedicated technology support system in place, Travis climbed into the ceiling to extend the cables providing access to the network to the youth services department.

Travis entered his first library management role at the Express Library on Fayetteville Street – then called the Electronic Information Center. At the time, this was the only Wake County library that offered internet access to the public.

Travis went on to manage the Green Road Community Library, the Southeast Regional Library, and the Zebulon Community Library, giving him the unique perspective of having managed all types of libraries (Special, Community, Large Community, and Regional Libraries.) Throughout his career, Travis was an advocate for his staff encouraged librarians to develop and hone their creativity and strengths.

Travis retired at the end of September, after 31 years of service to Wake County. He will spend the early part of his retirement going on college tours with his high school son.

Please join me in congratulating Travis on his retirement.