Janet Lockhart Collection Development Librarian Community Services

Janet joined Wake County in 1992, working the busy reference desk at the North Regional Library. In 1993 Janet was promoted to Manager of the Cary Library, where she was responsible for daily operations, selecting new books, and overseeing two renovations.

In late 1999, Janet briefly left the libraries to spend time with her young daughter. She returned part time in 2000 to the Eva Perry Regional Library, where she helped lead adult book clubs. Janet then helped open the West Regional Library in western Cary in 2006, where she was an Adult Services librarian, planning and leading a variety of programs.

Known for her vast book expertise, in 2013 Janet was asked to work in the Collection Development department at Library Administration. She has selected adult fiction books, including e-books, for the entire library system. Janet has selected books for six new and expanded libraries, including Wake County's 23rd public library in Morrisville, scheduled to open next year.

Janet will retire on December 1st, after over 27 years with Wake County. In addition to the usual librarian retirement plan of reading, she plans to attend concerts, garden, volunteer, travel, and visit family. Janet will be greatly missed for her extensive knowledge of books and publishing, and for her humor, her kind and supportive words, and for always working to meet the needs of readers.

Please join in me congratulating Janet on her retirement.