

SVCC ALUMNA HAS COOL JOB SURROUNDED BY BOOKS

“To me, the coolest part about my job is that I am exposed to all topics, from medical, government, international, every topic you can think of, so I get a diverse world of knowledge,” said the new Director of the Meherrin Regional Library System, Becky Walker. Her cool job has her overseeing the Brunswick County Library in Lawrenceville and the Richardson Memorial Library in Emporia.

As a child, visiting the Brunswick Library, she never thought she would one day be the Director. She has worked as Library Assistant for 18-plus years and; thanks to two programs of study at Southside Virginia Community College and lots of credits to transfer, she was able to obtain degrees paving the way for this dream job.

Walker is a graduate of Brunswick Academy and studied at SVCC in 1985 and again in 2005 studying data processing and then, business management. She received a bachelor’s degree from Saint Paul’s College in business administration and a master’s degree in library science from Clarion University.

Walker said she has always felt a connection to the library and books. She is certainly surrounded by them all day at work and is an avid reader.

She notes that libraries have changed over the years with the introduction of technology. The library offers 18 public computers for patrons in the two locations. This is a service for those who do not have computers or Internet access at home. Besides actual books, the library lends e-books.

Walker is right at home with her new cool job.