

Name: Joan Kidd

Title: Librarian @ Gordon Denny Community School

Born and lived: Born – Newmarket Ont. Lived in – Aurora Ont., Keswick Ont., Picton Ont., Huntsville Ont., Fort Qu'Appelle SK., La Ronge SK., Prince Albert SK.

Early Life: I grew up on a dairy farm north of Toronto. I have 2 older sister and one younger brother. In 1978 I married Robert and we began our life journey together. June 17th marks our 40th wedding anniversary.

Professional career and activities: My first career was as a Cosmetologist. I work in this profession for 30 years and loved every minute of that ever changing field. I worked with others, owned my own shop, apprenticed staff, and taught for a community college. In 2002 I was given the opportunity to begin my second career. I started working in a School Library in La Ronge SK. I took my Library classes from SAIT on line, and developed my passion for helping every child to be excited about reading. In 2005 I moved to Prince Albert where I worked for Saskatchewan Rivers School Division for the next 12 years. In the fall of 2017 I accepted a Library position once again with Northern Lights School Division. I am thrilled to be back in "the north", living at our cabin on the lake, and working at Gordon Denny Community School with the most loving students I have ever met. I feel so fortunate to have had two careers that I totally love.

Family: Beside my husband of 40 years. I have a Son and granddaughter who live in Warman, and a soon to be married daughter living in LaRonge.

In my spare time: I love to quilt, bake, attend paint nights with my friends, take long walks with my daughter, and spend as much time as I can with my Granddaughter Nyah.

Favorite books: Wow that's a tough one. I love almost all children's stories. I Really like Jodi Picoult books, or books based of true stories.

I'm currently reading: *Girl on the Train*.

Pet peeves: improper use of English. (got instead of have, much instead of many) etc.

Philosophy: Learn to do by doing.

Most memorable career achievement: Not sure I have one. I just love every day.

Long-term career goals: I plan to work for a few more years.

How/where do I see the library industry in five years: I hope the library industry continues to flourish. In five years I think we will see more electronics being used, therefore I fear we will see less physical library buildings.