

A LIBRARIAN'S JOURNEY



A thirty year journey comes to an end.

Our North Kingstown Library Director, Cyndi Desrochers, will retire on September 11, 2020. Cyndi is a Kansas native who was graduated from Kansas State University with degrees in Spanish and Social Work. Cyndi grew up loving libraries believing they were a comfort zone. This connection was rekindled when she was offered a part time job by a Reference Librarian in West Warwick while Cyndi was studying for her degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island. Over time, Cyndi became head of the Reference Department, and moved on to become Assistant Director. Her next move was to the position of Interim Director at this same Library. Cyndi came to the North Kingstown Library in September 2011 as our Library Director.

During her tenure as Library Director the Strategic Action Plan was initiated. Many improvements to our facility were realized through Champlin Grants from a security system to upgrades in wiring and additional air conditioning. Working with the Friends, many improvements were made to the Meeting Room. She has tried to strike a balance between providing those services which patrons would like as well as that which is affordable and practical. Technology is a large part of this challenge.

Cyndi has enjoyed both working with the staff as well as the time she has been able to spend with our library patrons and working with the Friends. Her view of what makes a good library include: good staff with individual expertise, support of the North Kingstown community, the town manager and town council, and the Friends of the library. She believes that libraries are fantastic resources for people. They are places where the public can gather a variety of information to make informed decisions and are exposed to many and varied services.

Cyndi will be moving to Peoria, Arizona, where she and her husband George have purchased a new home. She looks forward to being near her son, daughter-in-

law, and grand-daughter and will enjoy her pool and Jacuzzi while spending more time with her grand-daughter, Caelyn.

We wish Cyndi a happy and healthy retirement and hours of 'casual' reading.

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