



Norma to Retire from Garibaldi Library!

The End of an Era...

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Norma is *retiring* on the first day of July after 22 years at the Tillamook County Library! It's going to be an end of an era when someone else is hired to take the lead at Garibaldi.

A lifetime resident of Oregon (except for two years in Nevada working for Bureau of Land Management), Norma has been a familiar face in and around the county. Decades ago, she started at the library as a volunteer for Carol Dotson at the Tillamook Library and her son, Steve, would attend story time with Kathy Chadsey. She became an official library employee in 1999.

Having been Norma's supervisor for the last ten years, I can say without reservation that her patrons will miss her presence greatly. Whenever we do a survey for the library system, Norma always gets numerous shout-outs from people who love the service she gives. I tease her by suggesting she is paying people to say nice things about her, but I know that is not true. She honestly gives superior service to the local residents. She knows their likes, their dislikes, and sometimes puts books and movies on hold for patrons that they didn't even ask for...just so they have something new and interesting to pick up when they visit the library.

One highlight of her career came in 2019 when Garibaldi Days honored Norma by naming her Grand Marshal of the parade. Never one to seek out the limelight, it took some convincing to get Norma to lead the parade down the street, but the cheers from the crowd were evidence enough that the honor was well deserved.

So, if you would like to congratulate Norma on her retirement, be sure to stop by or call the Garibaldi Library before July 1. You could also drop her a note in care of the library. We already had a little staff appreciation time for Norma and someone asked her what she planned to do when she retires. With a mischievous smile and without any hesitation at all, she replied, "*Whatever I WANT to do!*"

Please join the library staff in saying, "Best wishes in doing whatever you want to do, Norma! You deserve it!"



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