

From the Director's Desk....

My August vacation took me away from my desk for a quiet, peaceful 10 days of relaxation when I did not even write a column for your reading enjoyment, or otherwise. I hope you missed my ramblings at least a little bit.

Now, summer has come to a close and the library staff is very busy with Fall programming and activities. Some are brand new, while others are standards that our returning participants love. See the current offerings on our webpage. It is very exciting.



On September 9, Barbara Nwoke, Cataloging and Collection Development Librarian for 24 years at HPL, was feted at a Retirement Event hosted by the library staff. Friends of the Hershey Public Library graciously provided food and drinks. Barbara began her service to this community in September of 1992, when the library was located at the Granada Avenue facility. She was an integral part of the planning staff when the library moved to 701 Cocoa Avenue. In her time spent working here, she was responsible for selecting materials and overseeing all cataloging processes to make them available for public use.

In addition, Barbara's professional experience and wisdom has been an asset to all who worked with her. Never one to draw attention to herself, Barbara was a highly valued member of the team, who offered good reasoning, productive suggestions, as well as continuity to a changing workplace. Having been in the profession from the introduction of computers to the current use of every imaginable hand-held, wireless device, Barbara experienced many innovations throughout her career. Her commitment to serving the visitors using the Hershey Public Library was always her priority.

I know I speak for many people in the past and future, as library users, volunteers, and staff, in expressing my deep gratitude for Barbara Nwoke's hard work and ongoing commitment to the Hershey Public Library's Mission. Thank you, Barbara!

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