



YAVAPAI COUNTY FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT

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COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Barbara Kile, Director retiring on January 3, 2017



In the late 1980's Barbara moved to Mayer, an unincorporated area of Yavapai County, and one of the first things she did was to head to the library with her 2 young children. While filling out the registration forms the librarian noticed her nice handwriting and suggested she would make a good volunteer. And so her career began. Barbara eventually became Library Manager for Mayer Public Library, where she remembers having to stoke the fire in the potbelly stove to warm the library. In 1989 Barbara took a job at Yavapai County Free Library District (YCFLD) as a Technical Processor. While Barbara was at YCFLD the director retired and the county administrator was acting director for a couple of years until the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors appointed Barbara director in 1993. In the 23 years following Barbara's appointment the libraries in Yavapai County have taken great strides. We have a network of over 40 various types of libraries connected to one integrated library system that allows resource sharing across the county. The YCFLD now administers 13 branch libraries in the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County many of which were run by volunteer library boards when Barbara started. Barbara won the "Outstanding Decision-maker" service award from AZLA in 2002. This award recognized her accomplishment of converting 10 board run libraries to county entities with county employees. She has also supported the incorporated public libraries with yearly contributions and money for special projects such as RFID implementation. Barbara's collaboration with network members has allowed Yavapai County to grow into one of the finest library networks in the country. Barbara's dedication to promoting library services has left its mark on Yavapai County and will continue on while she is enjoying her retirement.

Cheers Barbara!