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There's a lot to do in Windsor

Curling up with a good book

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I know what you're thinking. There's a picture of a librarian with some books. How original.

Well, that pile of books represents only a fraction of the number of books I read at home for my own enjoyment each year.

Last year, I read more than 300 and that doesn't include the books I read before adding them to the collection of more than 40,000 books we have in Children's Services at the Windsor Public Library.

I began working at the library almost by accident. I was shopping at Geissler's and a friend mentioned that the library had a part time position available and I applied. That was 1987 and I'm still there. To me, I have the best job in the world. I love children and I love books.

People often tell me, "You have such a fun job," but they only see the public side of me when presenting programs, etc. There is a lot more work behind the scenes developing programs and going through materials to get rid of out-of-date or damaged items that have to be accomplished in addition to the "fun" people see me having during a public event.

I'm going to retire in September so I can travel and, of course, read even more than I can now. I'll miss the library and all the wonderful people, especially those who met me first when they were little kids and are now adults. If I helped you learn to love books, then I did my job.

Oh, if you stop in to see me before I leave, please don't bring me ice cream or chocolate, my two favorite foods in the world. Librarians never accept gratuities.

Wink, wink!

