

For the volunteers of the Martin County Library System

The Volunteer Vault

News from your Volunteer Manager

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Welcome to Our Library Team!

Nancy Keough, New Blake Library Manager comes to us from Swan Hills Alberta with 13 years of Library Management experience and a strong local connection since she has had a second home in Jensen Beach for 8 years. Her passion for engagement, service and innovation, combined with her interest in our community made her just the right person to complete our team.

Liz Morrison is a graduate of Salisbury University in MD. She comes with a strong background in information management in the medical and insurance industry and with many years of experience as a volunteer in Literacy and in School Libraries. We look forward to having her completing the Hobe Sound Public Library team as a full time Library Specialist.

Sarah Steele is a graduate of the University of Central Florida. Sarah's assignment as a full time Library Specialist is Hobe Sound where her experience at the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center is put to good use and her work at the Hobe Sound Nature Center keeps her connected to the community.

Erica Hendricks is studying Business Management at Indian River State College. She brings us a wealth of customer service experience in the public and the government sector. She has a real passion for Library Service and will be an amazing addition to the Robert Morgade Library team as a full time Library Specialist.

Michael Marino, reSOURCE part time position as the Library Computer Support Technician! Michael has an Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Computer Systems Management from The College of Westchester, he is a US Army veteran, and brings a multitude of technology experience over the course of 26 years ranging from general tech support to network engineering.



Volunteer Spotlight -

The youngest of our tutors, Katy Morgan chose to volunteer with Adult Literacy after her experience teaching English as a Second Language to young adults in China.

However, instead of teaching ESOL, Katy accepted a tutoring request to help a special needs adult learn to read. With no experience in that realm (but with a quick mind), Katy has given her time and effort to providing a quality learning environment. Katy has been with our program for over a year now, and her student has made great progress, in both learning and confidence.

What's more, it's a classic case of the teacher learning along with the student, as Katy explains, "People learn in different ways, and it takes time to figure out which way is best. As the tutor, you try a lot of techniques that don't work, and sometimes that can be discouraging, but then once you find the correct formula, it makes all the effort worth it."

She believes being adaptable and reliable are two important traits for a tutor to possess, and Katy represents those characteristics. It's obvious that literacy tutoring for Katy Morgan is an important to her as her other commitments in life. We thank her for her volunteerism.

Happy Holidays! -

Terry L. Dick, Volunteer Manager



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