

Friday email

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Good afternoon,

- Next week I will be out of the office, but in town and reachable, all week. On Monday, Carol will serve as Deputy Director—Robert will serve as Deputy Director the rest of the week.
- Vacations: It's vacation season and many of us have a lot of vacation time coming up, current or just past. If you are traveling on your vacation, please remember that the library reserves the right to quarantine you upon your return, based upon COVID factors in your destination site. If you are asked to quarantine you may if you can arrange testing, provide library administration with proof of negative COVID test results and be allowed to return to work. I realize that COVID infection rates can change quickly and many of us have difficult decisions to make about travel. If you are asked to quarantine upon return, your immediate supervisor will be in touch to make work from home arrangements. Understand quarantining is not punitive—it is simply to keep each other and our staff safe.
- Disclosure: many of you have heard that yesterday I was sent home to quarantine myself. I have third hand exposure to a confirmed case, in other words, I was exposed to someone, who was exposed to someone, who tested positive. It was a triage nurse who advised that. Macon County Health Department and my physician both eventually agreed I did not need to quarantine or be tested.
- If you haven't yet, please fill out the attached survey and get it to Jess. She needs our help, in order to help Decatur Public Library.
- Retirement: I've long said that I could not get through my best day without Joann Stanbery. Well, that's about to be put to the test. For over 44 years, Joann has been a hard-working, dependable, knowledgeable servant of the Decatur community. The loss that we will experience in institutional knowledge alone will be huge. She's never afraid to ask the tough question, but she's always 100% pro Decatur Public Library. There is no way I can sum up in a short email, the impact she has had. She's asked that I not speak about her exact departure date, so I won't. But please take some time to give her your best wishes as she moves to her next phase. She will be missed.

This is brief—so please feel free to let me know if there is anything else you'd like me to mention and I'll try and get it out prior to leaving today.

Thank you,

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