

BETWEEN THE STACKS

Galion Public Library

WELCOME, MIKE!

GALION PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW DIRECTOR

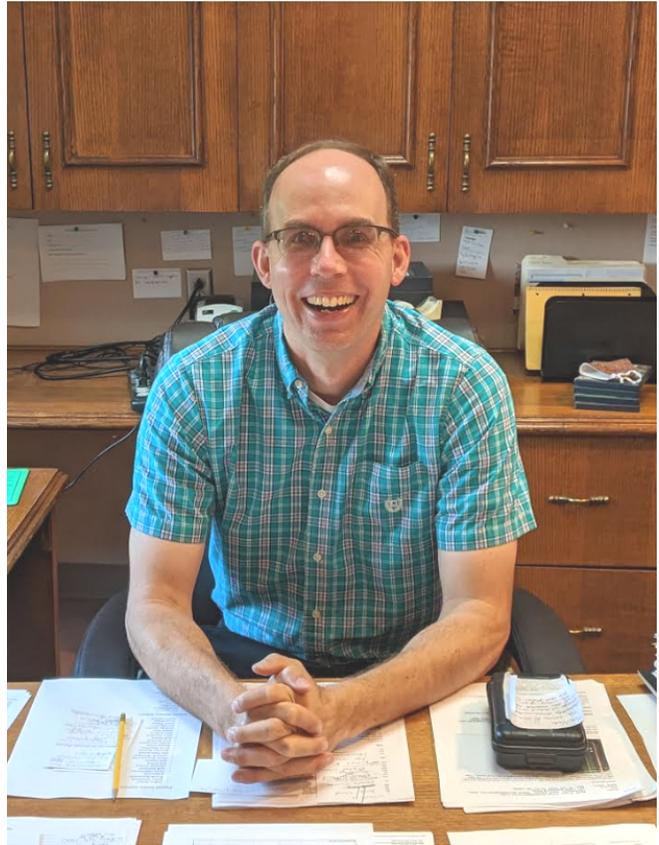
As the new director of the Galion Public Library, I want to introduce myself to the community. I realize I have big shoes to fill after the

retirement of Vicki and I will work hard to live up to the standards she set and what the community expects. Although I have only been on the job a couple of weeks, both the staff and community have been very welcoming and helpful.

As a brief introduction, I am originally from Mount Gilead. After graduating from Ohio University, I became a teacher at Mount Gilead Middle School. While in the classroom, I pursued a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Upon completion, I became the director of the Mount Gilead Public Library, a position I held for thirteen years.

I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await as I begin my tenure as director of this great institution. When you are in the library, stop and introduce yourself. I always enjoy meeting community members to find out how the library can meet their needs and the needs of the larger community.

Mike Kirk
Director



CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 5 PM
Saturday, 12 PM - 4 PM

JOIN US FOR YOGA ON THE LAWN

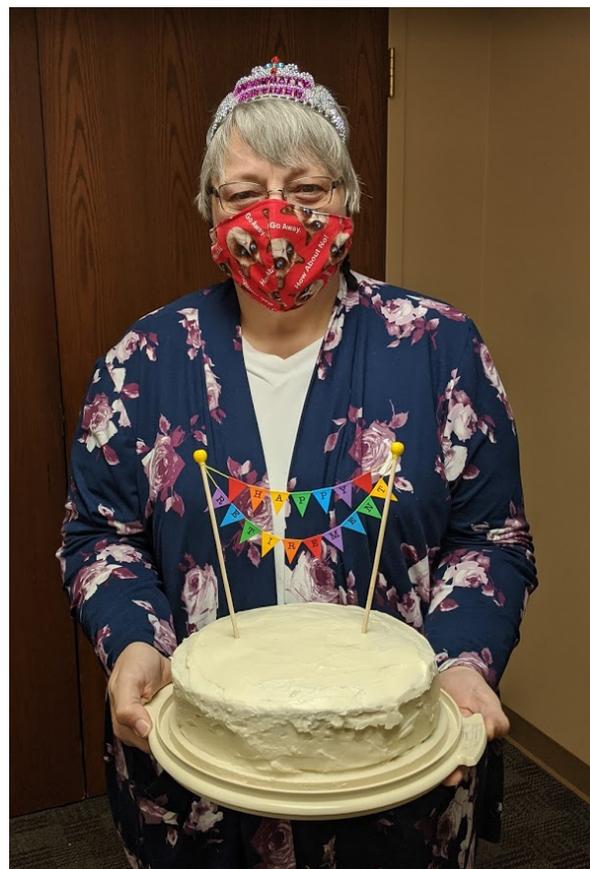
Every Tuesday in August & September
5:30 PM - Please bring your own mat or towel.

A FAREWELL FROM VICKI

FINALLY RETIRED!

This is a very hard note to write today. This is my last newsletter. For the past 12 years, I had the honor of being the director of the Galion Public Library. Believe me, it has been an honor, but after 35 years in public libraries, it's time for me to let go and give this honor to someone younger and with more enthusiasm than I have. On April 30th, I will be retiring. I've gained so many friends in Galion. Met so many great people at Kiwanis. Frequented fantastic restaurants and had a drink or two at the Taproom. My son even chose to move to Galion. I have a staff that would make any director proud and a board that is a joy to work with.

I have been so blessed these past 12 years. When I wrote my first Director's Note all those years ago, I talked about how beautiful this library is and how excited I was whenever I came down the street and saw that dome. Now that time is short, I find myself doing the same thing. Now it's not so much excitement for a new adventure but a strong sense of melancholy that I'm leaving. I'm going to miss this job, this staff, this city. I send all of you my love and my gratitude for the wonderful life you've given me these past 12 years.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BOOKS ON WHEELS!

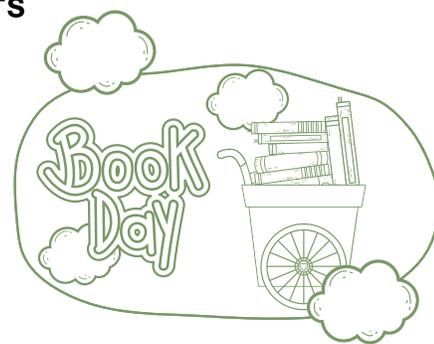
AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED PATRONS WHO LIVE WITHIN GALION CITY LIMITS

Do you know an elderly or disabled person who loves to read but can't get to the library? I may be able to help!

Hi! My name is Tammy Patterson and I am the Books on Wheels Program Coordinator. Simply call me at the library at 419-468-3203. I will take your contact information and your reading preferences. I then pick books from the shelves and prepare them to be delivered to you.

The books are delivered on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. As a Books on Wheels patron, the loan period is set for 60 days, so there is no need to stress about how long it may take to read your books. We offer books in both regular and large print, and audiobooks as well.

So, why not give me a call and give someone who loves to read the chance to enjoy reading again?



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