

January 11, 2022

Ashland City Council

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

It is with much consideration and great joy that I am retiring as full time library director at the Ashland City Library. Twenty five years this June 16<sup>th</sup> has flown by. God has blessed me so much in this job. He has been with this library since day one. I give God full credit for placing me here.

The Library of Congress grant for Family Literacy taught me so much about community and state resources and how to partner with them. After this we received a state grant for building addition space for programs, including a computer lab, office and kitchen. So many grants and partnerships I would like to name but don't want to bore you. This year we have had 4 grants we are working on. The last, was just this week for Reimagining School Readiness Project thru Alabama Public Library Service.

I owe much gratitude and thanks to the many library mentor's and friends who advised me and taught me about the library business.

Thank you, council and library board for your support of me and our library. A special thanks to you who were on the council when the RSA Retirement Plan was decided for our employees. It is a blessing.

I hope that you will consider me returning in March as a Part Time director and Bethany as Assistant Part Time Director. We do make a great team and I have loved working for you and the people of Ashland.

Yours truly,



Tina Nolen

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10