RETIREMENT EDITION

The Rosa Bennett Edition

WITH THANKS

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

RETIREMENT · THIRTY-ONE YEARS AT CEDAR LANE

A Career Of Making Room

When Rosa Bennett joined Cedar Lane Library in 1996, she began a chapter that would last thirty-one years. As she retires on June 18, 2027, her colleagues recognize the welcome, practical kindness and shared knowledge that became part of the library's daily work.

One rainy Saturday offers a familiar example. Leah was preparing reading hour as families arrived. Rosa asked Sam to bring the books inside and Dev to move the chairs. She welcomed families and gave the new volunteer one clear task at a time.

After the reading hour, Rosa and Leah made a wet-weather checklist. Leah later reused it. The useful legacy was a practical method and the confidence of someone who had been helped to use it.

ROLES, PEOPLE AND TURNING POINTS

A Career In Focus

Rosa joined Cedar Lane in 1996. Her community-programs work came to include reading hour, the Tuesday cart and the volunteers who helped make both happen. The retirement gathering marks the close of thirty-one years at the library.

One lasting example is the book cart. Rosa asked Ken, Lena and the reading group what they actually enjoyed. Tessa helped turn their answers into a selection with room for requests. Readers began sharing recommendations, and Tessa kept the list moving. The program continues through people who learned to ask, listen and offer a real choice.

EXPERTISE, SHARED

What She Taught Us

Rosa's lessons were practical: welcome the person in front of you, ask what a reader enjoys and leave notes the next person can follow. She explained the work while giving other people room to do it.

Before retiring, she worked through an ordinary week with Miles. Their notebook held routines, questions and useful examples. Rosa introduced the volunteers and invited Miles to change what no longer helped. At their last handover meeting, he led the following week's planning. Her knowledge had somewhere to go, and her colleagues had confidence to carry it forward.

IN ROSA'S WORDS

Start with the person in front of you.

— Rosa Bennett

Her welcome gave families a place and a new volunteer a clear next step.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

Rosa, thank you for making problems manageable, helping people grow confident and giving credit generously. Your influence will remain in the way this library works long after your final working day.