RETIREMENT EDITION

The Rosa Bennett Edition

WITH THANKS

THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF MAKING ROOM

A STEADY WELCOME

Room for Everyone

Rain began just as volunteer Leah finished setting out picture books for Saturday reading hour. Families were arriving at Cedar Lane Library, and cancellation seemed possible.

Rosa Bennett asked Sam to bring the books inside and Dev to move chairs into the children's room. She welcomed families at the entrance, while giving Leah one clear task at a time. The gathering went ahead indoors, with Leah reading the opening story.

Afterward, Rosa and Leah wrote a wet-weather checklist: where the books should go, who would greet late arrivals and how to keep the volunteer informed. Leah later used it again.

That morning captures the practical welcome Rosa brought to thirty-one years at Cedar Lane Library. The community-programs coordinator retires June 18, 2027, leaving both useful guidance and an example of helping without taking over.



Rosa at Cedar Lane Library, before her retirement gathering.

Stories4Ever fictional sample

READERS CHOOSE

A Cart Built Around Choice

The Tuesday book cart grew from a problem: one stack of recommendations did not suit everyone. Rosa asked readers what they enjoyed. Ken wanted mysteries with a strong sense of place; Lena preferred gardening and nature writing.

Rosa and Tessa arranged several kinds of books, left room for requests and changed the selection as readers shared their interests. A declined recommendation became useful information, not a rebuff.

Readers began recommending books to one another, and Tessa kept requests for the next visit. Tessa and the group will continue the cart, keeping choice in readers' hands.

THOUGHTFUL HANDOVER

Notes With Room to Change

Rosa's handover notebook took shape in conversation with Miles, who is taking over the recurring program work. They walked through an ordinary week, adding his questions and written examples where general instructions were not enough.

She introduced him to volunteers who knew different parts of the work and explained which decisions would be his. The notes invited changes to routines that no longer helped.

At their last handover meeting, Miles used the notebook to prepare the following week. Rosa answered his remaining questions and let him lead the planning: practical guidance, with room for his own decisions.

HER NEXT CHAPTER

Walks, Watercolors and Travel Essays

Rosa is looking forward to weekday morning walks, a beginner's watercolor class and the travel essays waiting at home.

For the June 18 gathering, she has asked for a relaxed afternoon with time to talk. For now, those are the next-chapter plans she is happy to share with colleagues.

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.

With thanks, your Cedar Lane colleagues.