

Director's Message



"When a library opens its doors, it's opening up opportunity, knowledge and, ultimately empowerment...giving people a chance to travel wherever their imaginations take them. That's more than just public service, that's changing lives." Stephen Cannell

Rocky River Public Library

opened its doors on November 19, 1928 as a small community library and now almost 90 years later, it has evolved to a lively learning and community center. While the way we consume literature has changed enormously over the years, one thing has not, libraries must continue to play a central role in providing open and free access to information and ideas. We strive to continue to meet the changing needs of our patrons by providing free access to knowledge in the digital age, offering excellent programs and services for patrons of all ages, and at the same time remain a warm and welcoming gathering place for readers and community groups.

We will celebrate the Library's 90th Anniversary throughout the year (look for details in our upcoming editions of Inside View). 2018 also marks another big milestone to observe; this February is our very own **Cowan Pottery Museum's 40th Anniversary**. The Cowan Pottery Museum is the world's largest publicly held collection of Cowan Pottery. The Cowan Museum represents work by every artist that worked at Cowan and the breadth of styles, shapes, and glazes the Pottery was famous for. We are proud to house the museum and congratulate the Cowan Pottery Museum and the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates for enhancing our beautiful building with so many lovely objects.

As you may have noticed, it was a little noisy on the lower level of the Library this past fall as construction crews were busy renovating the outdated restrooms. Often overlooked, public

restrooms are some of the most used rooms in the building and we are so pleased with the fresh and bright transformation. The new restrooms include updated ADA requirements as well as two new private single-use/family restrooms and a Mother's room. We are grateful for the support of The Women's Committee for making many of these upgrades possible. Renovations to the remaining restrooms on the Main and Children's floor will take place in 2018. Thank you for your patience during the process.

CLEVNET News: On December 5, CLEVNET began hold, courtesy, and overdue notices via text. If you have any questions or want to change how you are notified, Contact the Circulation Desk at 440-333-7610 and speak to a Circulation Assistant for more information.

The Library parking lot is an incredibly busy place, especially during the after-school hours. I remind all patrons to use caution in the parking lot and abide by the posted signs. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are all popular modes of transportation, but please for the safety of everyone, remind your children to not ride them in the Library parking lot.

Happy New Year! See you at the Library,

Jamie L. Mason
Director