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Honoring Our Librarians

By Mary Battista

Tears and smiles dominated the recognition ceremony to give thanks to the keepers of the gem of Pine Knoll Shores, the Bogue Banks Public Library. Mayor John Brodman welcomed the small gathering and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance in the outdoor setting behind town hall on August 28, a day now proclaimed to be the Bogue Banks Public Library Staff Appreciation Day.

Our three recently retired librarians, Brita Flynn, Donna Freeman and Andrew Porter, have dedicated a combined 34 years of service to the Bogue Banks library, and heartfelt thoughts and memories were shared by guest speakers and those in attendance. Michelle Powers likened the library to the familiar Boston bar, Cheers, from the popular television show of the same name that aired in the '80s and '90s, "where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came." She reminded us that the library is so much more than a place to borrow a book, and thanks to the librarians, it represented more of an unofficial welcome

center to our little town. Kay Howe, former president of the Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library, thanked the honorees for their unfailing support and commitment to the myriad efforts the Friends have pursued.

After presentation of the proclamations honoring our librarians, each honoree shared words of appreciation for their time at the library, mixed with sadness over its end.

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PKS Temporary and Political Sign Regulations

The Town of Pine Knoll Shores cannot regulate sign content for non-commercial signs. The regulations for temporary signs, including political signs, in Pine Knoll Shores were changed in 2016 in order to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on sign content and protection of free speech.

Temporary signs, including political signs, in the town's right-of-way must meet the following guidelines:

- One temporary sign is allowed in the town's right-of-way.
- No sign may be installed without the permission of the property owner, or their agent, of the property abutting the right-of-way.
- May be no larger than 4 square feet in size.
- Must not exceed a height of 3 feet above grade.
- Must be 12 feet from the edge of pavement. If this places the sign in a wooded area, it may be located no closer than 6 feet from the edge of pavement.
- Face of the sign must be parallel to the street.
- Sign placement may not impair vehicular visibility.
- May not be permanently installed.
- May not be located on a utility pole.
- No permit is required to erect the sign.

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Former librarians at Bogue Banks Public Library (from left): Donna Freeman, Andrew Porter and Brita Flynn, with personalized proclamations recognizing their contributions to the library and the community and also establishing August 28 as Bogue Banks Library Staff Appreciation Day.—Photo by Betsy Mercer

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