

Library Volunteers

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

~Tom Brokaw



ConnectingCommunicating.....Celebrating

How the Library Changed My Life!

I suppose the title sounds a little melodramatic, but it's really true. I very rarely stepped inside the doors of the library until January of 2005 because I didn't think I needed to. While I've always been an avid reader, I either bought

things to do. Then I retired in August of 2004. I had decided not to make any big decisions until January and that was when I joined a group called Creative Journey, which meets in the library each week. Later, I took a tour of the library, led by a staff member and she mentioned volunteer possibilities. After giving it some thought, I filled out an application and soon was shelving books on a weekly basis. As the year went by I took on other tasks that Kris Kipping, assistant circulation supervisor, had for me and also enjoyed projects in Technical Services. Later still, I became a member of the Program Committee for the Friends of the Appleton

Library. Using one of my favorite phrases, the "most excellent" changes in my retired life came through all the wonderful people I've met and friends I've made. Through Creative Journey I discovered creativity that I never ever thought I had. Women I met through that group are now life long friends. Library staff members have become friends that I cherish and working with them each week is a joy I look forward to. So you see, I'm not exaggerating at all when I credit the library with changing my life for the better. It's a proven fact!

By Sharrie Robinson

Adult Volunteer of the Year



Sharrie

books or traded with co-workers and didn't really see a need to go downtown at night or on weekends when there were so many other

Teen Volunteer of the Year

Hi, my name is Andy Pennell. I started volunteering at the Appleton Public Library in the summer of 2004 when I was twelve. At first I worked just at the summer reading program prize counter, registering families, marking reading logs, tracking inventory logs and sorting book carts to be shelved. I later started helping at programs that get children ready to go to Kindergarten,

and children's craft and puppet shows. I worked at the multicultural program since it started two years ago. I have always thought volunteering was important. Because I have a great love of the library, this has been a perfect fit for me. As I start college in the fall, I hope to be able to continue volunteering here. It has been an honor and a privilege to be named Appleton Public Library Volunteer of the Year 2010.

Andy with Colleen and Terry



Merci!

Gracias!

Danke!

Arigato!

Xie Xie!

Ua Tsaug!

Shukran!



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APL Volunteer Hours

3244 hours

2006

3787 hours

2007

4621 hours

2008

7014 hours

2009