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### **Director of Amherst County Public Libraries Retires**

Steve Preston, Library Director of the Amherst County Public Library for the past 17 years, retired effective June 30, 2021. When a regional library system was proposed, Mr. Preston maintained the viability of the Amherst County Public Library as an independent library over the past few years.

Preston's accomplishments include supervising switching the Library's online circulation system to Evergreen, a librarian-created and State Library-recommended circulation system. He also upgraded library technology, added an information technology position to the library staff, switched the internet connection to fiber optic, replaced all public and staff computers, and switched the telephone system to serve both ACPL libraries. Most recently, Preston assigned the Collection Development Staff a major culling project in preparation for an Evergreen-requested inventory and to prepare for updating and upgrading the Library collections. His improvements resulted in significant financial benefits.

While ACPL Library Director, Preston served a term as Statewide Treasurer of the Virginia Library Association. In his last year with ACPL, Preston guided the Library through most of the COVID pandemic to ensure the safety of both library users and staff.

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