

# From Library to Leisure: Judy Deon Retires

by Rebecca Cleaver

Long-time Selkirk College Librarian, Judy Deon, retired on August 31st, 2010.

Judy began working at the college in 1977 — right after she completed a Master's in Library Science at UBC. Her job started with cataloguing at the Castlegar campus, and she was later transferred to David Thompson University Centre (now the Tenth Street campus) in Nelson. She returned to the Castlegar campus in 1984 and, in addition to Cataloguing, took on other duties in the areas of Reference and Information Literacy Instruction. Judy also served as Library Department Head from 2005 to 2008.

During her 33-year tenure, Judy helped implement the library's automation system, served as chair of BCCATS, was a recipient of a SCOPE teaching award and volunteered as secretary of the faculty union.

When asked what she would miss most, Judy said: "This was a dream job. I'll miss the challenge of helping students with research topics. I'll miss the lovely walks around the campus trails. And I will certainly miss the wonderful people in the library and all the great college staff and students I have worked with over the years."

Judy will be remembered not only for her compassion for students, her vast cataloguing knowledge, and keen attention to detail, but also for the great enthusiasm that she brought to the library.

Judy now has more time to spend with husband Brian and her many hobbies, which include travelling, dragon boating, bird watching, cycling, scrabble, and of course reading.



Judy Deon, Selkirk College Librarian for 33 years, from 1977 to 2010.

Her presence in the library will be greatly missed, but the staff all look forward to postcards from exotic locales and her future visits to the library (perhaps, along with some of her delicious baked treats).

Thank you, Judy, for a great 33 years of service and all that you contributed to the library. We wish you all the best.

If you would like to send your congratulations, Judy can be contacted at [jdeon@selkirk.ca](mailto:jdeon@selkirk.ca)

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