Reflections on My First Year
Pam Hickson-Stevenson, Director

As I reflect on my first year of service as the Director of the Library, I am filled with gratitude. First, I am grateful for the Library Board of Trustees who trusted me with the opportunity to lead one of the finest public libraries in the country. The Library is governed by a board of seven community members who are appointed to seven-year terms by either the County Executive or by the Judges of the Common Pleas Court. Board members volunteer their time at monthly meetings, at committee meetings, at Library events, and in Columbus advocating for public library funding. Their work and life experiences are invaluable in providing guidance and direction to me as we all seek to serve the community.

Next, I am grateful for the Library staff. I delight in working with the creative, talented, dedicated, and service-oriented staff who have embraced the new ways that the Library serves you while at the same time providing our traditional services. They truly care about the work they do to move individuals, families, and communities forward. Library employees answer questions; plan programs; check out books; drive the bookmobile; change light bulbs; shelve DVDs; select, order, catalog, process and pay the bills for materials; train people to use computers and TechZone equipment; interview and orient new staff; design brochures and signs; and upgrade software and hardware. All of these tasks and many, many more enable the Library to support and strengthen the endeavors of those we serve.

Finally, I am grateful for you. Without you, we would not be able to do what we love – connect readers, learners, doers, and dreamers with the resources they want and need to enhance their lives. We appreciate knowing that we’ve helped people with job searches, with computer skills, with reading readiness, with hobbies, with formal and informal education, and with finding good things to read, watch, or hear. When you tell us these things, it brings us joy.

Thank you for supporting the Library.
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June 3 – July 27, 2019

Make reading and exercise a part of your day—every day. Both have the power to brighten your spirit, stimulate your imagination, and improve your health.

Mind, Body & Sole: A Universe of Stories! is a reading/wellness experience for the whole family to enjoy. You're more likely to read and exercise if it's convenient—Mind, Body & Sole is so easy, it practically runs itself.

Sign up now at your nearest Akron-Summit County Public Library, and receive your Mind, Body & Sole reading/exercise log and pedometer. Now you're ready to get started! From June 3-July 27, check off each day you read on your reading log. As you reach reading milestones, you'll be rewarded with fun incentives and be entered into drawings for great prizes.

Choose to live active also!

On your exercise log, record each day you participate in a movement activity—running, walking, bicycling, yoga, gardening, outside play, physical therapy, and more. When you have reached 26 days of exercise AND 26 days of reading, you will receive a Mind, Body, & Sole T-shirt and have the chance to be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing.

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Save the Date!
Stop by, say hello, and enjoy light refreshments at the following building anniversary celebrations.

North Hill Branch Library - 15 years, Thursday, June 20, 5 - 7 pm
Firestone Park Branch Library - 15 years, Saturday, July 27, 10 am - 4 pm
Ellet Branch Library - 20 years, Saturday, July 27, 11 am - 3 pm
Green Branch Library - 20 years and 40 years in the Green community Thursday, August 1, 10 am - 8 pm
Odom Boulevard Branch Library - 20 years, Saturday, August 3, 1 - 3 pm
Mogadore Branch Library - 20 years, Thursday, August 15, 6 - 8 pm

Special Golden Anniversary Celebration
Norton Branch Library - 50 years in the Norton community Wednesday, June 19, 6 - 7 pm

Library Closings
Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day

Branch Hours
Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Friday: 12 pm - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Hours:
Monday: 12 pm - 8 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday: 12 pm - 6 pm
Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm
Friday: 12 pm - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Main Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Friday: 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm
Drive-Up Window closes ten minutes before the building closes for the day.