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Saunders Retiring from Library after 46 Years



Rebecca Saunders, the Head of Local History and Genealogy Services at the Bay County Public Library, is retiring after 46 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Bay County.

Becky began her service to the library as a Girl Scout volunteer. She joined the Bay County Public Library staff on March 1, 1968, and has had several key positions, including Head of Technical Services and her current position as Head of Local History and Genealogy.

Becky's accomplishments include transitioning the library from card catalog to computer system in the 1990s, and working with her staff to fund and build a digital archive of over 16,000 historical photos which can be accessed online.

In 2005 Becky received the *Outstanding Achievement Award in Florida Genealogy* from the Florida State Genealogical Society, just one of many awards for her outstanding service and leadership.

An active member of the Bay County Genealogical Society and the Historical Society of Bay County, Becky has coordinated many wonderful events to encourage people to research their family history, including the very successful *Genealogy after Hours* program.

Becky has used her exceptional knowledge of Bay County to assist thousands of people over the years with their research, and has played a major role in the planning of the Panama City Centennial and Bay County Centennial celebrations.

[Pictured: Bay County Commissioner Mike Thomas recognizes Rebecca Saunders's 46 years of service to Bay County at the commission meeting on July 15th.]

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