

Meet this issue's Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association, Linda Richardson!

What is your name, your library, and your role at the library?

Linda Richardson, Assistant Librarian at the Montgomery City Public Library



What originally got you interested in working at a library?

After retiring from teaching, I wanted a part-time job. Being an avid reader, I thought the library would be a good fit for me. I substituted at the library until my current job became available. I have been here since November 2003.

What keeps you coming back every day?

I enjoy interacting with our patrons and meeting new patrons. I try to help them find appropriate reading materials for their needs by keeping up to date on new books being published, especially new fiction titles.

What's challenging about your work?

The most challenging part of my job is anything dealing with technology. Technology changes so quickly that it is hard to keep up.

Who are your mentors?

My mentors include Linda Eatherton, former library director, who taught me the basics. My current mentor is

our director, Gaylee Harris, who shows great patience when helping me with anything to do with technology.

What book, author, artist, show, or music are you engaging with this week, either personally or professionally? Persuade us in one or two sentences that we should pick this up, too.

Currently, I am reading *The Wonder of It All* by Barbara Taylor Bradford. I have been a big fan of hers for many years. This is part of the series "A House of Falconer." For those who enjoy historical fiction, I would highly recommend this book.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

Thank you for selecting me for the MLA Library Employee of the Month.

Linda's nominator had this to say about Linda: "She has worked at the Montgomery City Public Library for 18+ years. She knows the majority of our patrons by name and what kinds of books they like! She's shy and humble so I'm not sure how she'll respond if she is selected. Either way, she deserves recognition."