

## KRLL Script for 1/26/2018

Hi! This is Connie Gerling from the Moniteau County Library

We are celebrating Nancy Lewis' career with the library, as she retired January 31<sup>st</sup>. Nancy stepped in the public library world in 2009 when she was asked to be interim Director of the library. Nancy had previously served on the board in various capacities and was involved in the group that brought the library to the current location.

Nancy retired as the California Middle School librarian and had no intention of staying at this library for 9 years. Let me just say, that I am so thankful that she was willing to give her time and talents.

Five months after Nancy came to work that the Wood Place Library, I was hired as the library Director. Nancy stayed on part time during that transition. Nancy and I discovered that we were a great team and began working on improving the library, the collections and programming.

This partnership made us very invested in this library. Originally, Nancy had planned to retire last May, but after the unsettled year we've experienced, she just couldn't leave. I can't tell you how much I will miss her steadfast hand and support at the library. We've become dear friends and that has been an added bonus to the job.

I wish Nancy and Phil the outstanding retirement, they so richly deserve, as they have given so much of themselves to this community.

The saying "How wonderful to have known someone that was so hard to say goodbye too" certainly applies to Nancy and Phil. They are wonderful friends, and great human beings. The world needs a lot more people like that!

This is Connie Gerling wishing you a great day from the Moniteau County Library. Join me every Friday at 3:45 and also on Saturday mornings right here on KRLL 1420 AM, where you can find out about everything that's going on here at your library.