

As President of the Library Board, a life-long resident of Scott County, and as we begin this New Year, I want to thank two very important groups of people.

First, I would like to thank the amazingly hardworking and professional library staff. This past year has seen unprecedented changes at the library, not least of which has been the new expansion and renovation of the library itself.

Over the holiday season the Director and staff worked tirelessly to transition the enormous amount of materials and workspace of the library into its temporary location in the new square footage, in the most amazing way.

As I walked through, I was overwhelmed by their use of space for both the public and their work areas - I cannot thank them enough for what they have done with such professional excitement.

During Phase II, the staff faces plenty of work and inconvenience ahead, but with their love of the library and the community, I know these last remaining months will be ones of great excitement as they plan for the completion of the entire project.

I also thank the entire community of Scott County. Its support and patience is appreciated more than you will ever know. As you visit over these next few months you will get your first glimpse of the new expansion (albeit in its temporary configuration), but it is not the final sight to behold, because later this year the entire project (expansion, renovation, and reconfiguration) will be complete.

Community members have been so patient and supportive this past year, and you will be rewarded with a Scott County Public Library that preserves the past, provides for the present, and proceeds into the future. Thank you library staff, thank you library Director, thank you fellow trustees, and most importantly - thank you Scott County community.

