

HE'S SAYING

goodbye to the tie



The library Board of Trustees and staff said goodbye to Edward Bergman who retired as the Assistant Director after working at the Leominster Public Library for more than 40 years. Edward also served as the library's Interim Director from August 2017 until his retirement in early January.

Through his strong commitment to customer service, and his desire to ensure the Leominster Public Library was the best it could be, Edward introduced new collections, programs and services to ensure the library met the ever-changing needs of the community. In an effort to continually improve library services to adults, Edward found alternative sources of funding through grants, created outreach opportunities, and developed partnerships with other organizations.

Over the years, Edward was responsible for establishing a Grant Resource Center, creating two important free tax assistance programs, expanding the Spanish language collection, introducing outreach programs to area nursing homes, senior housing and homebound patrons, developing the popular Spend Sundays at the Library program series, building a validated Developmental Disabilities Collection, expanding public computers, and diversifying the library's adult non-print and electronic resources.

Edward secured numerous Library Services and Technology grants, as well as others through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Gates Foundation. In addition, he formed valuable partnerships with Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College, the Career Center, the Leominster Small Business Association, the May Institute and area credit unions.

And finally, Edward was an instrumental member of the team that worked on the library's expansion and renovation project, which resulted in the beautiful facility the community enjoys today.

After a long and stellar career, Edward's retirement is well-deserved. However, he is already sorely missed. Please join us in wishing Edward a long, healthy, and happy retirement.