



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 2021-2

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION
FOR CATHI ALLOWAY ON HER RETIREMENT
AFTER A DECADE OF SERVICE
BY THE
CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Cathi Alloway began her tenure with the Schlow Centre Region Library on April 1, 2010, and currently serves as the Library Director; and

WHEREAS, Cathi served as a passionate advocate for the Library, its programs, services, and staff; volunteered countless hours of her time on behalf of the Library's patrons; provided wise counsel to Library leaders and the Library Board; and championed the Library's objectives to stimulate imagination, develop information fluency, foster lifelong learning, and create young readers; and

WHEREAS, Cathi provided steadfast leadership during major facility revitalization projects during her tenure in which the Library's public spaces were transformed and reimagined for library services in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Schlow Centre Region Library responded to the needs of patrons by:

- Installing an RFID-based self-checkout system,
- Expanding and improving fundraising, initiating participation in Centre Gives, securing grants, and regularly increasing and improving financial giving to the Library,
- Completing the 2017-19 Strategic Plan,
- Quickly adapting to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by expanding electronic services, door side pick-ups, and Wi-Fi connectivity in the parking lot, and

WHEREAS, Cathi has been described as the “beating heart of the library,” “a ball of fire” and “the star of the COG” for her leadership to the COG and the Library by the Region's municipal managers, and was known for being engaging, articulate, and guiding her team with strength, confidence, and empathy; and

WHEREAS, Cathi's communication and teamwork have been valued by elected officials and colleagues in the Centre Region due to her helpfulness, responsiveness, and regular updates that were the highlight of many General Forum meetings, and

WHEREAS, Cathi has been recognized as a state and local “expert” in library operations and she has excelled in building partnerships that integrate the library into the community. As a result, Cathi was sought after to serve organizations across the Commonwealth and Centre County including:

- Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (Vice-President),
- Mid-State Literacy Council (Board President),
- CBICCC Workforce Development Committee,
- Program Committee, Leadership Centre County,
- CNET (facilitator for the C-Net strategic plan),
- Downtown State College; and

WHEREAS, as Cathi retires from her position of Library Director for the Schlow Centre Region Library, the Centre Region Council of Governments staff and the members of the General Forum wish to express their admiration and appreciation for her leadership, commitment, and years of service to the COG and the residents of the Centre Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, honors, thanks, and commends Cathi for her years of service and guidance to the Library, wishes her the best in her future endeavors, and hereby declares her a Permanent Cardholder of the Schlow Centre Region Library granting her all the rights and privileges of that distinction.

RESOLVED this *twenty-second day of February 2021*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



Eric Norenberg
Executive Director, Centre Region COG

By:



Dennis Hameister
Chair, Centre Region COG