

**RESOLUTION 2019-11**  
**HONORING**  
**ROXANE E. BENNETT**

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett ably served as Director of the Fox River Valley Public Library District from October 2009 through June 2019; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett cultivated valuable community partnerships and participated extensively in outreach throughout the District and in seeking patron feedback; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett was instrumental in securing donations to acquire a new Library van; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett was indispensable in negotiations with the Dundee Township Park District, facilitating creation of an inter-governmental agreement and seeking a finance plan to enable Fox River Valley Public Library District to have a presence on the west side of the District; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett worked tirelessly to provide information and support to the Library Board of Trustees in long-range planning and Library expansion, and oversight for renovation of the east side facility, including a new roof; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett played a pivotal role in strategic planning and hiring practices that brought talented leadership to Fox River Valley Public Library District; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett encouraged Library staff to bring new innovations to the community such as multi-purpose collaborative meeting space, enhanced software for financial and operational transparency, wide-ranging electronic resources and databases, and programming that fosters patron creativity and addresses timely issues; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett, always mindful of community needs, introduced self-service opportunities for patrons, expanded Library hours, encouraged the District to participate in the summer lunch program for children and oversaw continued growth and community support for the Summer Reading Picnic, Fox River Valley Public Library District's premier summer event; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett pioneered Libraries in Illinois Risk Agency, providing member libraries with long term insurance solutions at a cost savings to the District; served on Library consortium Cooperative Computer Services Governing Board her entire tenure, was a long-term member of its Budget Committee and served on its Executive Committee; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett served on various committees for the Illinois Library Association and advocated for understanding and support for the critical nature of libraries, encouraging staff to attend ILA conferences; and

*Whereas*, Roxane Bennett provided valuable insight and mentoring to all who worked with and for her;

*Therefore, be it resolved* that in recognition and appreciation of her service to the Fox River Valley Public Library District, the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the residents, staff, and themselves, present to Roxane this Resolution; and

*Be it further resolved* that on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Nineteen, this Resolution be presented to her and that its contents be spread upon the Minutes of this organization.

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Richard V. Corbett, President  
Library Board of Trustees

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Nikki Kuhlman, Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees