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A 'Library Lady' retires

When Margaret Galbreath retired from the Elizabeth South Public Library in October, it was a reminder that the era of the 'Library lady' is drawing to an end. Not that female librarians are not ladies, but the term seems especially to describe those women who without a great deal of formal training but because of their love of people and books found themselves running libraries and applied their many talents to that with demonstrable skill and flair.

Margaret epitomises such women — a writer herself, her love of literature is matched by her concern for and genuine interest in her users. Generations of children have been gently encouraged to regard the library as a place for intellectual adventure and play. Generations of elderly borrowers have found in her a willing ear and a fount of information and kindness and love.

I was lucky enough first to meet Margaret early in my career as a 'qualified' librarian and she taught me a great deal of what public library work is all about. No doubt modern librarianship is a profession which can no longer manage without formal qualifications but in our rush to make ourselves 'respectable', let us not forget or ignore the tradition handed down to us by those ladies who have given so much of themselves to the profession and have taught us, as professionals, so much of what the word should mean.

Thank you, Margaret, from all of us — from users and librarians and all who have gained from your wisdom and your caring.

Lynne Carmichael

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