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money poured in, people donated books; grant money came in; and they benefitted from working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which assisted with the need to replace books, hire new employees and find buildings," she said.

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Lucy Lou and Celeste. Lucy Lu has a unique history, being a library cat who was rescued at the construction site of one of the new buildings in Cameron Parish. The cat was caught in some netting, and the workers bought the cat to Morgan, who made her a part of her family.

Morgan has nothing but positive things to say in regards to the Putnam County area.

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"Everyone here has been so very friendly," she said. "I so appreciate everyone I have here at the Hennepin location and look forward to meeting the rest of the staff."

Morgan heard of the Putnam County Library



Bobbie Morgan

director position through the American Library Association website, where there is a section for open librarian positions throughout the United States. Originally from Ohio, her goal was, "... to get closer to home." After learning more about the position and how similar it was

to her current one, it seemed like a good fit for her.

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"When I first started at Cameron Parish, our main library was in a book mobile," she said. "Four of the six libraries were damaged or demolished by the hurricanes. We had to rebuild from the ground up."

"(After the hurricanes),

money came in; and they benefitted from working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which assisted with the need to replace books, hire new employees and find buildings," she said.

The local library board gave Morgan two projects to work on as soon as she started. The ILS (Illinois Library System) circulation system has some problems that need to be addressed. The board also wants Morgan to get everything standardized within the Putnam County system. These are two challenges Morgan feels comfortable addressing.

Morgan is living in Hennepin with her two cats,

Saying goodbye after 29 years

ing at the seams," she said. Dellatori remembered the church hall of the local Catholic Church was open due to a new church building being built, and she suggested to the library board the building would make a great new location.

She immediately wrote a handicapped grant, so the Putnam County Library became handicapped accessible in the Hennepin location.

"That was unique and new back then," Dellatori said. "Patrons could come from all over Putnam County to use the library."

There were many other memorable moments in her library career. She



Randie Dellatori

lish major with a library science minor in college. This positioned her well for her eventual career as the director of the Putnam County Library.

Dellatori started working

gram Dellatori calls a 'book exchange'. "With six sites, it makes Putnam County unique. We work under budgetary constraints, so we strive to keep each branch fresh so that our patrons receive fair and equal treatment," she said.

Future plans for Dellatori include wanting to take some classes, learn how to play piano, work on family genealogy and spend some quality time with her husband and family. She considers herself very fortunate with her career at the Putnam County Library District.

"Through the years I have had really good trust ofees and help and support of... # Wh-ct-aver I