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Last Chapter at Work for Lafayette Librarian Susan Weaver

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Susan Weaver Photo provided

First legendary storyteller Miss Donna steps down, and now Senior Community Library Manager Susan Weaver is retiring, laments long time librarian and friend, Robbie Duncan. "She's the best boss I've ever had." All three made the transition from the cozy original shoebox library to the new and vastly expanded Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Duncan recalls the shift to the new facility as fun and lots of hard work - the trio had to wear hard hats as staff was getting organized setting up the new building.

There's a special day-long drop-in retirement event planned, "Susan Weaver Day" on June 6; just two days later, on June 8, will be her final farewell. Rumor has it she won't be keeping busy playing golf, possibly catching up on her reading and about a thousand and one special projects that have been on the back burner.

Weaver started her career with the Contra Costa Library system in April of 1995, spending the last six years here in Lafayette, with prior postings at libraries in Crockett and San Ramon. Skills learned working at detention facilities, also known as jails, in Martinez, Marsh Creek and West County years ago may have come in handy with the occasional overly-enthusiastic library patron.

"Extraordinary is not sufficient praise to describe Susan. Include visionary, innovative, collaborative, dedicated, smart," said Kathy Merchant, Executive Director of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation. "Of course she'll say NOW I say nice things...and this is what I will miss most. She is, to use her phrase, 'hecka fun!' I've known that every day I walk in to the library, Susan will be

there and we will share instant laughter. Everyone knows that when I tease that Susan is so difficult, they all understand I mean the exact opposite and that this has become a treasured personal as well as professional relationship. A rare gift for which I will always be grateful."

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