

# Krois retires from library after 31 years



Former Deputy State Librarian Jerry Krois, whose last day was Aug. 7, receives his Public Library Director Survival kit from Laramie County Library System Director Lucie Osborn at Krois' retirement get-together Aug. 6.

He likes to say he has seen libraries from the ground up.

Former Deputy State Librarian Jerry Krois began his library career mowing lawns at the Denver Public Library.

"I really liked libraries, the research and how they were constantly changing," says Krois.

Krois retired from the Wyoming State Library after 31 years working for the state and a collective 35 years working for libraries in Laramie County. The four years prior to working at the state, he worked for the Laramie County Library System.

Although he may be retired from the State of Wyoming, he is by no means kicking up his feet and settling into the retirement world. Krois began work Monday, Aug. 10 as the director of the Eaton Public Library

in Eaton, Colo.

"I'm really excited to get down there, meet the staff and get started working," Krois said during his last week at the library.

"I'm definitely going to miss all the great people who make up the Wyoming libraries across the state, but I'm ready for a new challenge."

A retirement party was held for Krois at the Wyoming State Library Aug. 7, and there was no shortage of people. Nearly 40 people attended the event that was both held for Krois' retirement and a congratulation on the new job.

"This is kind of bittersweet for us," Wyoming State Librarian Lesley Boughton told attendees at the party.

LCLS Director Lucie Osborn presented Krois with a survival kit for public library directors, while WYLD

office employees gave Krois an old GEAC terminal. Krois was the system manager during the GEAC years.

Just over \$300 was presented to Special Friends in his name raised through donations from Wyoming State Library employees.

"Next to my dad and my brother, you've been the man in my life for the last 30 years," said WSL State Government Information Coordinator Trish Palluck. The two have been working at the library side by side for years.

Krois says that library has seen its up and downs and the job as a librarian has changed quite a bit.

"It's time for a change," Krois said.

"Libraries keep changing and I'm ready for one too. I'll keep a Wyoming parking place open for all my Wyoming friends."