

Library Staff

Carol Sterling, Library Director

Former Assistant Director Carol Sterling was officially named Director of the Eastpointe Memorial Library on May 03, 2004. She succeeded previous Director Joyce Conte.

Ms. Sterling began her library career at the Hamtramck Public Library/Albert J. Zak Memorial. Her first position was that of Children's Librarian. In 1989 Sterling was appointed Director of the Hamtramck Library. As Director she obtained a Library Services and Construction Grant to automate the library along with a Michigan Council of the Arts grant for the painting of a 65-foot mural in the Children's area of the library. The mural was a community project and learning experience, where community members posed for the mural and learned the process of mural art as they watched the work in progress. While she was in Hamtramck, the first millage to fund the library was passed by an overwhelming public vote. Ms. Sterling also found time to oversee the building of a library float for the annual Labor Day Parade, three years running.

She was elected to the Wayne Oakland Library Federation Advisory Council representing Class IV libraries in that cooperative (now The Library Network).

Since coming to Eastpointe, she has assisted with implementation of policies and procedures concerned with providing Internet access to the public. Ms. Sterling has also assisted in the redesigning of library space to accommodate new technologies that enhance library service.

Asked in what direction she wishes to take the library, Ms. Sterling replied, "I want it to remain as people-friendly as we are and maintain a materials collection that the people want or need and make it as easy as possible for them to access. I want to let the library users lead the direction it goes in because it's their library".

Ms. Carol Sterling is an avid mystery buff, and her off-hours are spent reading mysteries ranging from the oldies by Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie to modern day M. C. Beaton and Patricia Cornwell.

Sue Todd, Assistant Library Director

Former Youth Services Librarian Sue Todd has been officially named Assistant Library Director.

Sue Todd began her career at the Eastpointe Memorial Library in 1984 as a pre-professional working in Adult Services. During this time, Mrs. Todd gained invaluable experience in public library service, while working on her Master's degree in Library Science at Wayne State University. Working for the Library was so rewarding that Todd continued working in Adult Services after she received her degree.

As an Adult Services Librarian, Todd was responsible for assisting patrons in locating library material, reader's advisory service, preparing bibliographies and book lists, cataloging library materials, recommending books to add to the collection, purchasing music CDs and selecting and maintaining recommended websites for the Library's webpage. Over the years, Mrs. Todd has enhanced her skills by attending workshops and computer classes, thus keeping current in the ever changing world of Public Libraries. .

On September 7, 2004, Mrs. Todd became the Youth Services Librarian. Mrs. Todd took great pleasure in working with the youth of Eastpointe. In the five years that she worked in this position she added three book clubs, movie night, and crafts to a monthly programming schedule. In addition to those programs she planned special programs such as the doll tea parties, wrestling club, car and truck parties, and etiquette programs. Mrs. Todd is especially proud of the Summer Reading Program. This annual 7 week program brings in youth of all ages to enjoy what the library has to offer. From reading clubs to weekly programs there was something for everyone. Mrs. Todd was fortunate enough to have fantastic volunteers, young people in middle and high school, to assist with these programs. One program that has become a yearly tradition is the play the volunteers put on for young children. It is the highlight of the "Wonderful Wednesday" programs each summer.

Mrs. Todd became the Assistant Director on March 17, 2009. Mrs. Todd looks forward to the challenge of working in this new position.

In her leisure time, Mrs. Todd enjoys reading mysteries, bowling, sailing and cooking.