Redding’s Mark Twain Library Director Announces Retirement

REDDING, CT, August 31, 2020– Beth Steinhardt Dominianni, the library director at Redding’s Mark Twain Library, has announced her plans for retirement. The official announcement was made at the June meeting of the library’s Board of Trustees. Ms. Dominianni, who was hired as director in June 2011, indicated that she plans to step down on June 30, 2021 after 10 years of service.

In the decade that Ms. Dominianni has been at the helm, the library has flourished as Redding’s center of engagement. Under Beth’s leadership the Mark Twain Library saw tremendous growth in both services and programming. The number of annual adult programs has more than doubled and children’s programs increased by over 100 per year. She oversaw the launch of our downloadable offerings, which are now thriving and have been particularly valuable since the onset of COVID-19.

“Serving as the Director of the Mark Twain Library has been the highlight of my professional career, and a true honor,” stated Ms. Dominianni. “I have so enjoyed getting to know the wonderful Redding community, and the privilege of working with a dedicated, creative staff. I am very thankful for the fantastic cadre of volunteers and the hard working trustees who provide so much support behind the scenes. The Mark Twain Library is truly very special and has been a joy to be associated with for the past 9 years and I know will continue to be in the next months to come. COVID has changed the way the Library is able to safely operate but my goal is to make the library as responsive to the community’s needs as is safe and healthy for all during the next 10 months.”
“Beth oversaw tremendous growth at the Library in all metrics and successfully guided it through many changes,” remarked Eric Rubury, President of the Board of Trustees. “She helped set a very high bar of excellence, and that legacy will be with us for years to come. I am sad that she will be retiring in next year, but happy that she is still our Director during this unprecedented time. I know I speak for the Board when I say that I am glad she is here now to lead us through some challenging times.”

The Library Board has established a search committee to undertake the process of finding Ms. Dominianni’s successor. The Mark Twain Library is owned by the Mark Twain Library Association. It was founded in 1908 by Samuel Clemens – Mark Twain himself – one of Redding’s most celebrated residents. Visit www.marktwainlibrary.org, for more information.

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