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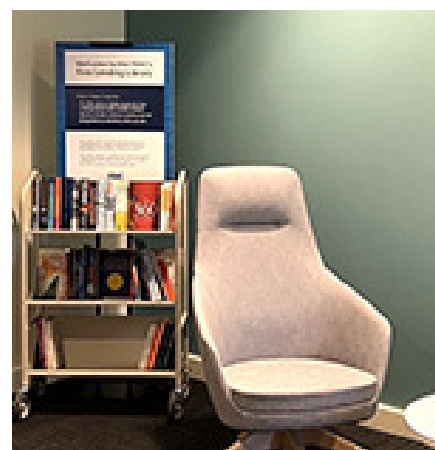
FDIC Now Has Three Free Lending Libraries

By Kay Lewandowska
Reference & Collection Management Librarian

Since 2018, the FDIC has had a book exchange cart outside the main library (Room MB-4055). The idea behind the initiative is to share donations that the library doesn't need for its collections and to make reading even more accessible to the community. The FDIC Library collects and lend materials to support FDIC's core mission and purchases materials to help employees accomplish specific career goals.

This year, due to the program's success and a generous donation from Corporate University, the program is expanding to two locations in Virginia Square. Beginning in September, staff visiting FDIC's Arlington, Virginia, offices will be able to take and exchange books at two locations: the Student Residence Center lobby and in the vicinity of the coffee shop in Building C.

This Free Lending Library program is modeled on the [Little Free Library](#) movement. Little Free Libraries offer



Virginia Square Coffee Shop

communities opportunities to share books with friends and can introduce you to something you might be able to use but didn't even know was available. Little Free Library is a non-profit organization that works to promote reading and expand access to reading materials through book exchanges.

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FDIC Library MB-4055

You may have seen these little libraries that resemble mailboxes in yards or in front of buildings in your neighborhood. There are over 150,000 little free libraries in 120 countries worldwide. While the

FDIC's Free Lending Libraries won't be on the map of Little Free Libraries, we hope staff in the Washington, D.C., area will stop by and share books they no longer need and take something that they want to read while they are there.

The FDIC's Free Lending Library book carts will operate on the honor system, allowing community members to take a book and leave another in its place. Staff are encouraged to contribute to the book cart exchange, but leaving a book is not required for you to take one. Library Staff will be monitoring the collections and adding new titles weekly from donations previously received. If you have any questions, please email library@fdic.gov. 📖



Student Center at Virginia Square

Vacation Voices: Flathead Lake, Montana

Where do you go during your time off? Vacation Voices is a place for employees to share their interests, ideas and personalities through their personal travel destinations and experiences. Just complete this form! We are especially interested in sharing fantastic photos! You can upload photos directly into the form or send them separately to FDICNews@FDIC.gov as attachments. Just be sure to write the name of the vacation destination in the email so we can match the photos to the submission. Happy Traveling!

Name: George Fritz

Division/Office: Division of Resolutions and Receiverships/Field Operations Branch

Position Title: Senior Strategic Operations Specialist

Location (or Remote): Dallas, Texas.

Travel Destination(s): Flathead Lake, Montana

Length of Stay: Eight days

Why did you choose this destination?

Our family loves the outdoors, and we wanted to rent a cabin by a lake for a change of scenery. We also wanted to visit Glacier National Park and take a raft trip down a river with rapids. My family also loves to go fishing, so we rented a charter and went trout fishing for a day. Yes, we

caught some nice ones and had a lot of fun being on a lake for the day. I live in Texas and it's been one hot summer so we wanted to go somewhere it would be cooler outside. The only negative experience on this trip was there were a lot of forest fires so you could smell the smoke in the air for several days.

Tell us about the things you did or activities you participated in. We drove through Glacier National Park, which was amazing, and we took a lot of great pictures of the mountains, rivers and lakes. As previously noted we rented a charter for a day and went fishing on Flathead Lake and caught some nice Lake Trout. We went whitewater rafting, which was a lot of fun, and I would



recommend it to anyone who would go there on vacation. I tried the paddle board and did not do well trying to stand up on it. On a couple days we just goofed off and relaxed. We never turned on the TV for an entire week. Most of the time was spent outdoors enjoying seeing deer



and wild turkeys running around our cabin. All priceless!

What was the most exciting thing you did? For me it was going fishing for a day and catching some nice Lake Trout. We were on the boat for 11 hours, which is a long time. My wife and one of my sons caught some nice fish, so I was excited to see them enjoy the experience. This is how memories are made for a lifetime. I got to

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spend some quality time with the family with few distractions to get in the way.

What did you like most about the destination or trip? Being in the mountains and lakes where the water was so clear. I always wanted to see Glacier National Park, and it was worth the wait. We also rented a cabin where you could see the lake and were surrounded by wildlife. We had deer and wild turkeys hanging out by the cabin. Being in the forest with large trees and you could hear the wind blowing and smell the pine trees. The people in Montana were very nice and willing to help whenever we needed it.

Did anything surprise you about the destination or trip? Glacier National Park was amazing but the glaciers are melting away. Flathead Lake was surrounded by mountains so the views were awesome. The mountains reflecting on the lake made some great pictures and we plan on putting a hard-copy book together to capture the moment and new memories made.

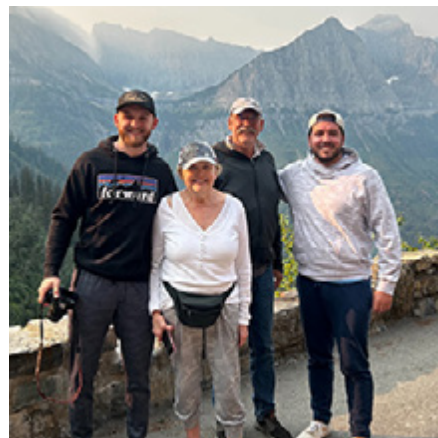
Would you recommend this destination or trip to others? Why or why not?

Yes, if you like the mountains and lakes. Not a lot of people live in that area so it's a nice quiet area for now. Take the drive through Glacier National Park so you can see many different lakes, mountains, water falls, rivers and wildlife. There is so much to do that you can't do it all in one day.

What should people be aware of about the destination/trip before going?

While we were there some forest fires were burning so you could smell the smoke in the air for several days, so if you have lung issues just be careful. Glacier National Park is very busy so get there early if you can to start your day. Traffic in the park gets worse as the day progresses.

Would you do it again? Why or why not? What would you do different, if anything? I would love to go back and visit Glacier National Park again. There were some hikes we wanted to make to see some of the lakes or waterfalls, but we did not have enough time. Fishing again would be on my list because I love fishing,



and being surrounded by mountains is a beautiful background. The people we rented the cabin from were great and offered us a discount if we ever wanted to come back again. If I could do something different it would be to stay longer than one week. 🏡

Moving On

Name: Kathy Moe

Position Held: Regional Director

Division: Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS) and the Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection (DCP)

Location: San Francisco Regional Office

When and where joined the FDIC:

I joined the FDIC's Lincoln, Nebraska, Office in 1986.

Career-Highlights: Leading a diverse region through some unprecedented challenging times was clearly a highlight. The region's staff dealt with numerous complex and unique matters. Knowing that the composition of this work contributed to the confidence in the United States banking system is very rewarding. I was also fortunate to serve in a management role for almost 75 percent of

my career. In this capacity, I was able to connect with many talented people, and watching their individual career progression was one of my favorite highlights. Over my tenure, I volunteered for a broad range of assignments and opportunities available to all employees. Those opportunities are the foundation that prepared me for my final position as Regional Director. I encourage everyone to take advantage of assignments that stretch your skills and to foster the change you would like to see.

Retirement date: August 31, 2023

Plans for retirement: I thoroughly enjoyed serving as Regional Director, although after 38 years it was time to return to Arizona and spend more time with family, as well as pursue several hobbies I have not had time for such as painting. 🏡



Kathy Moe

Moving On, *cont.*

Name: Michele L. Sharp

Position Held: Assistant Regional Director

Division: Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS)

Location: Kansas City Regional Office

When and where joined the FDIC:

In May 1986, one day after graduation, I drove to Kansas City to start my career with the FDIC. My first field office assignment was Grand Island, NE, a location I had to look up on a map because I didn't even know it existed. I quickly learned what bank exam travel was all about and how teamwork makes for the best work environment.

Other experience: I had the privilege to work in several offices and regions. While I spent the majority of my career in the Kansas City Region, I also had temporary assignments in the New York, San Francisco, and Chicago Regions as well as Headquarters.

Career-Highlights: I have been a Risk Management and Administrative Assistant Regional Director in the Kansas City Regional Office since 2008. Prior to

that I held positions as field supervisor in the Omaha, NE, and St. Louis, MO, field offices, and case manager in Kansas City and the former Memphis Regions.

I have served detail assignments as Acting Deputy Regional Director, Acting Associate Director and Acting Chief of Administration in Headquarters. I am a graduate of the Executive Potential Program and have served as a past mentor in the Mentoring Program.

Retirement date: September 30, 2023

Plans for retirement: I am looking forward to spending more time with my adult daughters, volunteering for a few local organizations, and doing a little leisure travel.

Comments and thoughts: I am grateful for the friendships and relationships formed over the years with the FDIC. Some of my closest friends are people I met during various assignments across the FDIC. The memories and camaraderie are something I will carry with me forever. I am indebted to those exceptional teams that supported me over the years. 🏠



Michele L. Sharp

Name: David Spanburg

Position Held: Information Specialist

Division: Division of Insurance and Research (DIR)

Location: Headquarters (Washington, D.C.)

When and where joined the FDIC:

I joined the FDIC in 1997 in the Division of Research and Statistics (DRS). DRS merged with the Division of Insurance and became the Division of Insurance and Research.

Career-Highlights: I have been honored to work for some excellent bosses. They allowed me to explore my interests and that helped me better support DIR.

Retirement date: September 29, 2023

Plans for retirement: First thing I am going to do is turn off the alarm. I plan to do more photography and some travelling. We are leaving Thursday for a week in the Outer Banks. Why Thursday? Because I can. As of now, we plan to stay in the Washington, DC area. This is where our friends are located.

Comments and thoughts: It has been truly a wonderful career here. The dedication I see every day to ensure our financial system is safe and thriving is heart-warming. It has been a wonderful ride for these past twenty plus years here. 🏠



David Spanburg

Moving On, *cont.*

Name: Guy W. Schlaseman

Position Held: Senior Financial Management Analyst

Division: Division of Finance (DOF)/ Corporate Planning and Performance Management Branch of the Chief Financial Officer Organization

Location: Headquarters (VA Square)

When and where joined the FDIC:

I began my Federal career with Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) in 1986, worked with the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) between 1989 and 1995, and joined the FDIC's Division of Finance in 1996.

Other experience: I worked in commercial banking prior to beginning my

Federal career and joining the FDIC.

Career-Highlights: My duties and responsibilities have included numerous reporting, analysis, and information management activities, primarily serving the needs of the FDIC's travel, budget, accounting, and information technology staffs.

Retirement date: September 30, 2023

Plans for retirement: My plans include spending time traveling, exercising, playing golf, playing music, and keeping up with my grandchildren. 🏠



Guy W. Schlaseman