

# Regina Greer Cooper

Retired Director, Springfield-Greene County Library District



Regina Greer Cooper began her duties as the ninth executive director of the Springfield-Greene County Library District in January 2009. It consists of 10 library branches; the Mobile Library; the 24-hour outdoor kiosks – the Library Express East and Library Express West; and the “online branch” – thelibrary.org.

Duties: Identify, plan, organize, execute and evaluate an effective program of library services for the citizens of Greene County. She hires staff, develops short-term and long-range plans and provides expertise in the area of finance, expansion, staff development, professional service and community relations. She is responsible for the direction and operation of the 10 library branches and the bookmobile. She succeeded Annie Busch, who retired after 23 years with the district.

Previously, Regina was associate director of the Huntsville-Madison County, Ala., Public Library for 28 years.

She is a native of Cornersville, Mississippi, and a graduate of Peabody College, part of Vanderbilt University, with a master’s degree in library science. She received her bachelor of arts in education degree in 1975 from the University of Mississippi.

Her jobs before going to the Huntsville-Madison County, Ala., Public Library District were Reference & Adult Services Librarian, Wheeler Basin Regional Library, Decatur, Ala., July 1978-December 1980 and Assistant cataloger, Reformed Theological Seminary Library, Jackson, Miss., August 1976-September 1977.

Her honors include: Beta Phi Mu, Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi and Alpha Lambda Delta; Springfield (Mo.) Business Journal’s 12 To Watch in 2010.

Her professional activities include the American Library Association; Public Library Association; Rotary Club of Springfield, Mo.; Community Leadership Forum, Springfield, Mo., and The Barons, Springfield.

Regina and her husband, Bill, have two grown sons.