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Saratoga Springs Mourns the Passing of Sue Alexander, Founding Volunteer Library Director

Saratoga Springs, UT – April 11, 2025 – The City of Saratoga Springs is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Sue Alexander, a beloved resident whose lifelong dedication to literacy, education, and the arts left a lasting impact on the community. Her passion for reading and music touched the lives of countless individuals she taught and served, leaving behind a legacy of inspiration and service.

Sue played a pivotal role in the early days of the Saratoga Springs Library, which began as a grassroots volunteer effort. When a former board member stepped down, Sue generously stepped forward to lead the charge. She was appointed as the first volunteer Library Director and worked closely with the Library Board and city officials to establish and operate the library at its current location.

During her time as director, Sue was instrumental in developing key programs and services. In March 2011, she oversaw the opening of the children's section, followed later that year by the addition of young adult and adult collections. Her leadership helped shape the library into a welcoming and educational space for the entire community. "Sue was a passionate advocate for the library, viewing it not just as a place for knowledge, but as a welcoming hub for residents of all ages," said current Library Director Melissa Grygla. "Even after stepping down in 2013, she remained a strong supporter and continued to champion the library's mission."

Over the course of two and a half years, Sue donated more than 5,200 hours of service. She was joined by over 200 volunteers who contributed a combined 12,000 hours to help the library grow. Mayor Miller reflected on her legacy, saying, "Residents like Sue Alexander are the heart of what makes life truly better here in Saratoga Springs. Her choice to dedicate her retirement years to building and shaping our library created a legacy of learning and connection that will benefit our community for generations."

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