

Keynote



Rotary

Club of Homewood



March 9, 2025

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Learning Opportunities

District Learning Assembly
Friday, April 4 - 8am-3pm
Gardendale Civic Center

Rotary Leadership Institute
Saturday, April 17 - 8am-4pm
Central United Methodist Church
Decatur, AL

Thursday March 13th

On Thursday, Homewood Rotary will be presenting a check to Judith Wright, Executive Director of the Homewood Library for \$2,700 to provide 50 Vox Books to the Children's Department. These books do not require batteries, additional devices, or WIFI. Readers will have the opportunity to gain access through these tools completely free with access to a library card.

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**Judith Wright,
Executive Director
of Homewood Public Library**



Judith found her first paid library job at the Homewood Public Library in 2010 and worked part-time in the children's department. She later returned to work in circulation and then returned once again in 2014 to serve as the teen librarian and then "promised I would never leave, and I'm sticking to that," she says.

In her last role as assistant director and now as the current director, Judith contributes to the same goal she's always had at the library to provide resources of all kinds to community members throughout their lives.

"We always try to make lifelong library users," she says. "People always turn to us when they don't know something. While we might not know it, we know where to find the correct information."

Judith saw this clearly in her role as teen librarian. "I love teenagers! They're so weird and vulnerable and ready to change the world," she says.

Judith loved getting to know teenagers through library events and programs in her seven years in the position. "I was given the creativity to be so free with what I put on our events calendar, but it was only successful because I made connections with teenagers, and with their parents, too."

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