

Volunteer Jim Wicks

Homebound Services of the St. Joseph County Public Library would like to nominate Jim Wicks as an outstanding volunteer in the community.

Jim has volunteered as a Homebound driver for 10 years and has been an invaluable addition to this department. As a volunteer, he delivers library materials to patrons who are unable to come to the library in person. All of his Homebound patrons look forward to his visits and have commented about “that nice Mr. Wicks.”

Several years ago, Jim requested that he be given deliveries for every week. With gas prices at record levels and no reimbursement for transportation costs, Jim continues to drive the farthest of any driver without complaint. He currently goes to Lakeville and New Carlisle, areas we wouldn't be able to serve if not for Jim.

From his home in Walkerton to the Main Library, he travels 21 miles each way, so you could say the Jim travels at least 50 miles a week for Homebound Services.

Jim is always willing to do extra deliveries if another volunteer is on vacation or under the weather. On a personal note, every holiday season, Jim brings in poinsettias for the Literacy and Outreach staff.

Without his help, many local patrons, some of whom are elderly, would not be able to enjoy library materials on a regular basis. We appreciate his hard work and believe his commitment to the library and patrons deserves special recognition.

Nominated by Elaine Komjathy