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Marysville Library helper honored as Volunteer of the Month

MARYSVILLE – Mayor Jon Nehring recognized Marysville Public Library volunteer Patrick McGourty as Volunteer of the Month for September.

“For his outstanding community service through volunteering his time weekly at the Marysville Library, and his exemplary support of library staff and patrons toward ensuring a positive and valuable experience at the library, we’re happy to recognize Patrick for his contributions,” said Mayor Jon Nehring at a presentation during the Oct. 27 City Council meeting.

McGourty has volunteered at the library for about five years. He began volunteering after working for the Library for 11 years as Lead Delivery Driver, but had to leave due to health reasons. That didn’t slow his interest in supporting the library, though, Nehring said.



McGourty has contributed a total of 1,062 volunteer service hours, joining the elite ranks of the Thousand Hours Club.

Sno-Isle Libraries joined the President’s Volunteer Service Award program in 2010, and McGourty has earned a Bronze Award every year for four years running.

“He has already earned his fifth award with 149 volunteer hours this year - you only need 100 to qualify, so that gives you a good sense of how valuable 1,000 hours is by comparison,” Nehring said.

Laura Baker is Library Supervising PSA and Volunteer Coordinator. She nominated McGourty. He serves two hours a day three days a week helping shelve “holds,” media, and other tasks as needed.

Baker said the entire staff at the Marysville Library appreciates all of McGourty’s hard work. “He is very dedicated, reliable and serves with a friendly, helpful attitude. He is much deserving of this recognition.”

McGourty always has a smile and you can tell his love for volunteering comes from the heart, Baker said.

In his own words, McGourty, upon hearing of the honor, said he just enjoys doing the work, contributing and giving back to the library, staff and the many patrons who visit and use the library and its services.

McGourty's wife, Pamela, work in Mobile Services at the Sno-Isle Libraries Administrative Service Center.