

## ***Bittersweet goodbye***

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On Friday, when I crossed the Norris Bridge over the Rappahannock River, I suddenly realized just how much I will miss the blazing sunsets and the perennial beauty of Lancaster County.

February will be my last month as a Northern Neck resident, as I have accepted the position of director of the Emmet O'Neal Library in Mountain Brook, Ala. As of February 21, The Lancaster Community Library will be in the very capable hands of interim director John Pace, and a phenomenal board, staff and corps of volunteers.

I'm very excited about my new career opportunity and being closer to my friends, family and favorite football team in Sweet Home, Alabama, but the goodbye is certainly bittersweet. I knew not one single soul when I moved here 10 years ago.

This community gave me a bear hug of a welcome and just never let go. I feel so incredibly lucky to have been a part of this truly special place. Lancaster County will always be in my heart.

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