



## **For the Love of History** *by Cheryl Smith*

The Genealogy, Local History, Texana, and Archives Division in the Plano Public Library System wants to thank Debbie Calvin for her meticulous efforts of indexing the Plano Star Courier newspaper from 1918-1923.

In August 2007, Debbie arrived in Plano as a new retiree eager to give back to the community. After reading about the Plano Volunteer program in the Plano Profile Magazine, she began to volunteer in June of the following year at the Genealogy, Local History, Texana, and Archives Division of the library system. Her love of history and genealogy, and an interest in learning about her new residence led her to Haggard Library. During her 900 volunteer hours, Debbie and a few others focused primarily on indexing the Plano Star Courier. Through their efforts, the years 1918-1923 have been completed allowing Plano's rich history to be searched by an evername index. The Library Volunteer of the Year goes to Debbie Calvin for her painstaking indexing work of the Plano Star Courier Newspaper.

Volunteering at the library has benefited many from a genealogical standpoint and has provided Debbie's foundation for other volunteer efforts at the Plano Interurban Museum. Debbie and the museum curator strive to archive interurban related photographs, books, and papers dating from the early 1900's until about 1950, much of which depicts Plano in the early 1900's. Ms. Calvin's expertise has benefited both the museum and patrons interested in Plano's history.

Debbie has enjoyed the work at the library and is impressed with the professionalism and generosity of the library and volunteer staff. They are welcoming and willing to share their knowledge, which benefits not only the volunteer, but the community at large. A great place to work!

In her spare time, Debbie has created and operates the library at McDermott Road Church of Christ, cares for her aging parents, is a member of the Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), and has diligently researched her own family tree since 1990.

The library staff wishes to thank Debbie Calvin for the time she has volunteered, and continues to volunteer, to this never ending project.