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[Image of Gwen Floyd and Brad Ward \(NEFLIN Executive Director\)](#)

Library Staff Member Wins Regional Library Award for Cursive Classes

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 10/1/18 — When St. Johns County Public Library staff member Gwen Floyd learned that many children needed help learning and practicing cursive handwriting, she knew she had to step up. After teaching for many years in her community neighborhood, for teachers and at her church, she knew that she could use her past teaching experience to create an entertaining and educational curriculum to help students master this essential life skill at the library.

Last month, Gwen Floyd was recognized regionally for her hard work by winning the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) “Library Innovation Award.” This award recognizes an innovative program or service that has demonstrated impact on the community a NEFLIN library serves.

Over the course of the last year and half, Ms. Floyd used her original curriculum to teach free handwriting and cursive classes at the Southeast Branch Library. Welcoming students of various ages, from kindergarteners to teenagers, her unique handwriting and cursive course continues to receive rave reviews from students and parents.

Ms. Floyd adds, “A special thanks to the parents that suggested this class, to the hundreds of students that attended, and to NEFLIN for this recognition.”

For more information about free handwriting and cursive classes at the Southeast Branch library, please visit any SJCPLS branch or bookmobile in person or online at www.sjcpls.org. To learn more about the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) visit www.neflin.org.

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