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Mary Goff, left, and Kelly Knudsen inside Warrenton Community Library.

Welcome to Warrenton

Library adds new staff member

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A 6 foot ficus tree stands inside Warrenton Community Library. Scattered throughout its leaves are colorful paper leaves, full of drawings, scribbles and children's wishes.

The leaves were added to the tree ahead

of one of the library's recent storytime events, in which children were asked to share a constructive, positive wish that they had.

In the months since, library patrons have added wishes of their own to the tree. Some are wishes for themselves, while others focus on helping out other people.

One of the wishes on the tree asks for a wagon to help the library get outside of

its building and into the community. The wish's creator is Mary Goff, the library's new youth services specialist, who started her role in October. Her role is dedicated to collaborating with and serving youth and families.

Goff was raised in southern Oregon. Throughout her career, she has focused on encouraging students, especially in science. She spent 20 years as a teacher and

earned a master's degree in science education from Oregon State University. She also has worked as a career counselor and traveled around the world.

She plans to continue helping children learn about science as a library employee.

"We are working on hybrid activities such as a teen advisory board, indoor and

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