

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **MERCEDES GAINES RETIRES AS HEAD OF WOODBINE LIBRARY BRANCH**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to congratulate Woodbine branch head librarian Mercedes Gaines on her retirement on January 31, 2011. The Mayor presented her with a Proclamation. Joining him was Freeholder Leonard Desiderio, the County Library Director, as well as representatives from the Library Commission.

Mercedes Gaines has served as the head librarian of the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May County Library since this branch was opened in 2007.

She began her career as a librarian in Cape May County when she was hired in 1984 by the then free-standing City of Cape May Library. When the Cape May City Library joined the Cape May County Library system in 1995, she became an employee of that entity.

Mrs. Gaines is a resident of Woodbine and, being a very civic-minded individual, has worked many volunteer hours for her church and for community organizations.

"Congratulations to Mercedes on her well-earned retirement as our first head librarian of the Woodbine Branch of the County Library. She leaves big shoes to be filled--Woodbine has won the library decorating contest every year that we've opened, and we all know her artistic talent and efforts were behind those achievements," added Mayor Pikolycky. "She has helped in making this community outstanding in so many ways. I will personally miss Merce and all the energy and knowledge she has shown at our local branch. She was especially the artistic force that caused our local branch to win the summer decorating contest all three summers the branch has been in existing."