

## **Diane Gundersen Honored for Outstanding Achievement by State Genealogical Society 6/2022**

Diane Gundersen is one of our Outstanding Volunteers for 2022 for her work restructuring the WAGS Library. She joined WAGS about five years ago. Not long after, she volunteered in the WAGS Library, working one day a month and editing indexes a few hours a week from home. As her interest grew, so did her time commitment, and soon she found herself a member at-large on the WAGS Board, moving up to the Head Librarian position in 2019.

With board approval, she began to look for ways to make the library a more welcoming place for patrons to do their research, and a more efficient place for volunteers to do their work. With courage, boundless energy and considerable organizational skills, she first studied what jobs were being done where in our library and made plans to move or replace existing furniture with more modern accoutrements. She is boldly going forward with removing old paper resources that are now online. Under her leadership, we are consolidating our North Central Washington resources into one area.

Diane is revitalizing our 50-year-old library, creating a bright, versatile space that will serve us for the next half-century and beyond.