

Cumberland County Library System Foundation Names Anne Ellis, Acquisitions Assistant at the System Headquarters Office, Library System February 2023 Employee of the Month

In 2001, the Cumberland County Library System (CCLS) received a federal grant to test centralized technical services (acquisitions, cataloging, and processing of library materials for all member libraries). As a result, Anne Ellis, who at the time was working as a technical services staff member at the Mechanicsburg Public Library – now Joseph T. Simpson Public Library - was hired as the lead in obtaining materials that CCLS libraries order in the most cost-effective manner.

Over her 22 years with the library system, Anne has been a valuable resource to the member libraries, working with vendors to get the best prices on centrally ordered materials and ensuring the quality of received items meet the standards of Cumberland County libraries. Anne has adapted along with changes in technology used to expedite the exchange of records. She ensures that orders are complete, and that invoices are properly charged and assigned. Anne maintains statistical data and procedural records for the department, and she monitors vendor activity and costs. She purchases large-print materials for the library system's STAR program and keeps member libraries aware of available fund balances.



The Library System's Executive Director Carolyn Blatchley comments, "It has been a pleasure to work with Anne all of these years. She provides an element of leadership and institutional knowledge that is irreplaceable. She performs her job with intellect and common sense, and she always has her eye on containing costs while getting the greatest value. I highly value her work ethic. She serves as a model for thoughtful work and dedication."

Anne has been a steady force during four office relocations, two integrated library management system transitions, and multiple changes in staff leadership. Outside of the office, Anne enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, and traveling. Her adventurous spirit and sense of humor are infectious. "I am pleased to see Anne as the first employee of the month from the library system headquarters office," said Blatchley, "For the graceful strength and quality improvements she has brought to the position and the department, she is truly deserving of this honor."

The Cumberland County Library System Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization committed to supporting the Cumberland County Library System and public libraries in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Governed by a 12-member volunteer board of directors representing the member libraries and the community at large, the Library Foundation is also an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO), approved to receive Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program contributions for the Summer Learning and School-Year STEM programs.

Members of the Cumberland County Library System include Amelia S. Givin Free Library in Mt. Holly Springs, Bosler Memorial Library in Carlisle, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg, East Pennsboro Branch Library in Enola, Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, John Graham Library in Newville, New Cumberland Public Library, and Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg. For more information, please visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.