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Emily Young, Youth Services Coordinator at New Cumberland Public Library, Named August 2026 Employee of the Month

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – Emily Young, Youth Services Coordinator at New Cumberland Public Library, has been named Employee of the Month for August 2026 by the Cumberland County Library System Foundation.

Employee of the Month nominations are open to the public and celebrate outstanding customer service. Exemplary Library System employees are nominated by patrons, peers, and co-workers. Emily was nominated by library patron Hayley Zabady.

Hayley's nomination includes, "Emily works tirelessly to create a variety of activities for young children in New Cumberland and provides an important service to all families. She's wonderful with kids and makes everyone feel welcome."

Emily is a graduate of Arcadia University. Her official responsibilities include library programming for babies, toddlers, young children, tweens, and teens. She also develops programs to support parents and educators in the community. Emily helps to foster a love of reading and learning among young library users, and she curates collections of age-appropriate books, media, and resources that cater to the diverse interests and developmental needs of New Cumberland's younger residents. Emily has maintained New Cumberland Public Library's status as a Family Place Library.

Nicholas Means, Director of the New Cumberland Public Library, reflected on Emily's journey and impact on local families. "Emily began her library career in 2018 as a Children's Programmer at Cleve J. Fredricksen Library under the tutelage of Jessica Woolridge, where she created and led monthly programs and even developed her own Tween Book Club. In August 2021, she joined New Cumberland Public Library as Youth Services Coordinator, quickly becoming a beloved presence for children and families throughout the community."

He notes that since then, Emily has transformed the Children's Department into a vibrant hub of learning, creativity, and connection. Through story times, Tumbling Tots, school visits, and community outreach programs, she has welcomed countless young readers and their families to the library. Her dedication and enthusiasm have made a lasting

impression, and it's not uncommon for families to fill the library parking lot to attend one of "Ms. Emily's" programs. Her ability to create meaningful experiences and make every child feel welcome has helped make the New Cumberland Public Library a special place for generations of young patrons.

New Cumberland Public Library Board President Judith Hawthorn also praised Emily's dedication, noting that she "appreciates the creativity and effort that Emily brings to the position. She is constantly searching to innovate and present new ideas, fun ideas, and thoughtful ideas to children. She leaves them wanting more time with her at the library!" That impact can be seen firsthand in Judith's own family. Her three grandchildren, ages 6, 8, and 9, are enthusiastic library visitors who eagerly participate in many of the activities and experiences Emily has introduced and nurtured. Her six-year-old grandson looks forward to every visit, especially the library's scavenger hunts, racing through the challenges before proudly selecting a sticker as his reward. Her granddaughters, both avid readers, enjoy exploring the Children's Department, browsing featured displays, and discovering new books recommended through Emily's thoughtful programming and curation. For Judith, watching her grandchildren's excitement for the library is a testament to Emily's ability to create engaging experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of reading. Through her innovative programs and welcoming approach, Emily has helped make the Children's Department a cherished destination for families throughout the New Cumberland community.

Library System executive director Carolyn Blatchley adds, "Emily is a leader in her field. She brings creativity and innovation to programs for children of all ages, and she generously shares her expertise with colleagues throughout Cumberland County. From fostering early literacy in our youngest learners to developing engaging experiences for tweens and teens, Emily consistently demonstrates dedication in her work. I am continually impressed by her ability to inspire members of the New Cumberland community."

To nominate a Cumberland County Library System staffer for Employee of the Month, click on the scrolling banner on the www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org homepage or send an email to libraryfoundation@cumberlandcountylibraries.org. Include your contact information, your nominee's name and library, and a couple of paragraphs illustrating your nominee's qualities and accomplishments.

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