2023 Employees of the Month

January—Tracy Papa, Assistant Director, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg
February—Anne Ellis, Acquisitions Assistant, CCLS Headquarters
March—Mary Wagner, Technical Services Assistant/Library Aide, Simpson Library
April—Sarah Stewart, Public Services Manager, Fredricksen Library

May—Linda Rice, Receiving Clerk, CCLS Headquarters
June—Jazmin Passo, IT Technician, CCLS Headquarters
July—Alana Bubnis, (Former) Executive Director, New Cumberland Public Library
August—Jordan Garling, Public Services Team Leader, Bosler Memorial Library

September—Dena Witter-Bigler, Circulation Staffer, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg
October—Micah York, Financial & Administrative Assistant, New Cumberland Public Library
November—Monet Edmundson, Children’s Assistant, Fredricksen Library
December—Tiffany Wivell, Assistant Director, Bosler Memorial Library
2023 Grants Approved/Funded

The following grants were secured for the Library System, Library Foundation, or Member Libraries as noted:

- **Avalon/Capital Blue Cross—EITC—$5,000—Summer Learning Program**
- **The Josiah W. & Bessie K. Kline Foundation—$50,000 over two years—Simpson Library Capital Campaign**
- **John Crain Kunkel Foundation—$38,024—Simpson Library Capital Campaign**
- **M&T Bank—EITC—$2,972—Simpson Library**
- **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation—$10,000—Simpson Library School Readiness Programs**
- **Orrstown Bank—$5,000—EITC—Simpson Library**
- **PA Skill/Miele Foundation—$2,000—CCLS Foundation—Large-print books**
- **People’s Bank—$10,000—EITC—Simpson Library**
- **PPL—EITC $5,000—CCLS Foundation—Summer Learning Program**
- **PPL Foundation—$8,000—School-Year STEM—CCLS Foundation for Member Libraries**
- **PSEA Retired Teachers—$500—Unrestricted**
- **The Joseph T. & Helen M. Simpson Foundation—$50,000 over three years—Simpson Library Capital Campaign**
- **The Donald B. & Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation—$25,000—Simpson Library Capital Campaign**
- **The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Arts for All—$1,000—Simpson Library Beautify the Barriers**
- **UGI—EITC $5,000—CCLS Foundation—Summer Learning Program**
- **Weis Markets—$1,000—Summer Learning Program**
- **Weis Markets—EITC—$1,500—CCLS Foundation Summer Learning Program**

**Mission, History, Grants, Other Income**

**Mission:** To support the programs, services, and innovative initiatives of the Cumberland County (PA) Library System and its member libraries.

**History:** The Library Foundation was established in 2007 and approved as a federally tax-

**Additional Gifts—Federated Campaigns & Individuals**

Unrestricted gifts of $100 or less to CCLS Foundation are donated to the Cumberland County Library System to purchase large-print books for the STAR program. The designation for unrestricted gifts of $101 or more is determined by the Foundation Board of Directors. Gifts that are donor designated for a member library are regranted to that library in their entirety.
EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

TAX CREDITS SUPPORT SUMMER LEARNING & SCHOOL-YEAR STEM

As a Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Organization, the Cumberland County Library System Foundation is approved to receive donations from approved businesses in exchange for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC).

EITC contributions help fund our two innovative educational programs—Summer Learning and School-Year STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math). Children from all nine Cumberland County public school districts attend Summer Learning or School-Year STEM programs each year!

The Cumberland County Library System Summer Learning Program is a series of virtual and in-person events & activities designed to foster a love of reading and to develop or enhance reading, writing, and learning skills. Summer Learning Programs help stave off the “summer slide.” Participants not only perform better in the classroom and on standardized tests when they return to school in the fall, they develop positive lifelong Literacy skills like independent reading and visiting their local public library.

Cumberland County Library System’s School-Year STEM is a series of free virtual and in-person programs and activities designed to foster critical thinking, collaboration, group communication, and evidence gathering and evaluating skills while exploring science, technology, engineering, and math.

Since the Cumberland County Library System Foundation was approved as an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) in 2009, companies approved for participation by Pennsylvania’s Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) have contributed a total of $229,225 for the system-wide Summer Learning Program and School-Year STEM.

Thank you to these 2023 EITC Contributors, whose donations will support Summer Learning Program 2024

Thank you to these in-kind supporters of Summer Learning and other library programs: AACA Museum, Adventure Aquarium (Camden), Adventure Sports of Hershey, BarkBox, Burpee Seed Company, Catoctin Animal Preserve, Cherry Crest Adventure Farm, Chipotle, Classic Drycleaners, Crayola Experience, DelGrosso Amusement Park, DaVinci Science Center, DorneyPark, Dutch Wonderland, Gourmet Gift Baskets, Hands On House, Harrisburg Senators, Hooplas, Lancaster Barnstormers, Landry’s, Lehigh Valley Zoo, Lewisburg Children’s Museum, Oriental Trading Company, Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Zoo, PJ Wellihan’s, Pride of the Susquehanna, Refreshing Mountain, Shady Maple Smorgasbord, Sheetz, Urban Churn, and Wawa Foundation.

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Governance & Leadership

2023 Cumberland County Library System Foundation Board of Directors

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Meeting Schedule—all Library Foundation meetings are held at 400 Bent Creek Blvd, Ste 150, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, at one of the member libraries, or via Zoom at 5:30 p.m., quarterly on the second Monday of:

♦ January (also Annual Meeting)
♦ April
♦ July
♦ October

Thank you to following member libraries for hosting 2023 Foundation Board of Directors meetings:

July 2023—Fredricksen, Camp Hill
October 2023—Coy, Shippensburg

Staff

Carolyn Blatchley, Executive Director
Jairee Counterman, Advancement

For a detailed copy of the annual budget, audit compilation, IRS 990, or Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations registration, or the 501(c)(3), please call 717.240.6174 or email your request to LibraryFoundation@cumberlandcountylibraries.org

Thank you to at-large representative Nathan Balagopal of Domino Technologies who completed three, three-year terms of service to the Library Foundation Board of Directors in December 2023!