

Cumberland County Library System Foundation Names Linda Rice, Receiving Clerk at the Cumberland County Library System Headquarters, May 2023 Employee of the Month

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – Linda Rice, Receiving Clerk at the Cumberland County Library System Headquarters, has been named Employee of the Month for May 2023 by the Cumberland County Library System Foundation.

The Library Foundation's 2023 Employee of the Month nominations celebrate outstanding customer service. Exemplary Library System employees are nominated by their peers.



Anne Ellis, who is in charge of Acquisitions for the Library System, writes in her nomination, "Linda was the director of the Bosler Library for 30 years before she retired and came to volunteer at the System Headquarters unpacking new materials – she says she has all the fun of seeing the new books with none of the stress that comes with building projects and Capital Campaigns!"

After volunteering for a while, Linda then took the job as receiving clerk when the previous person retired in 2015. Anne continues, "Linda brings her Library Director customer service focus to her job as Receiving Clerk – everything she does is geared towards getting library materials into the patrons' hands as soon as possible."

While at the System Headquarters, Linda also learned the Processing Clerk's job, so she can step in during his absence to keep materials flowing out the door. She's happy to shift gears at a moment's notice to work on whatever job is most pressing at the moment.

Linda's library career started right after college, when she began working as a clerk in the children's department of a library in Huntingdon, West Virginia. Two years later, in 1973, she was promoted to librarian of a new branch — in a former gas station. Linda came to Bosler Library in 1985 as a reference and adult services librarian. She became director of Bosler Library, where she served until her retirement – her first retirement.

In concluding her nomination, Anne writes, "Linda's years of experience and cheerful disposition make her such a valued member of the library team."

The Cumberland County Library System provides technical, financial, administrative, and training support to the public libraries in Cumberland County.