

**Cumberland County Library System Foundation Names Pat Sari, Technical Services Manager at Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, Library System July 2022 Employee of the Month**

Patricia "Pat" Sari, Technical Services Manager at Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, has been named Employee of the Month by the Cumberland County Library System Foundation. The Library Foundation recently voted to support Objective #4 of the Library System's Strategic Plan by recognizing an employee at one of the System's member libraries each month, with a focus on bringing attention and appreciation to the Library System's unsung heroes. Nominated by her executive director, Sue Erdman, Pat Sari is the first Library System employee to receive this recognition.

Linda Willis, Simpson Library's representative and Secretary of the Library Foundation Board comments, "The Library Foundation is honored to recognize outstanding library employees like Pat Sari. Pat, and many like her, have worked steadfastly and competently over the years – without adequate recognition - to provide the public with a positive library experience."

From her nomination: Pat joined the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library staff 39 years ago on July 15, 1983.

In her current role as Technical Services Manager, Pat oversees ordering, processing, and collection maintenance. She has seen LP records depart from the collection and ushered in VHS tapes and cassette tapes (now departed as well) and the addition of DVDs, mp3s, and Overdrive. She has seen the Friends of Simpson Library in their infancy in the mid-1980s, holding a single book sale on Jubilee Day, to now having a dedicated space for their book sale operations.

In her early years at Simpson, Pat was a library aide, working at the adult and children's circulation desks, then added bookkeeping to her job duties. She has been part of two building expansions, one move to a new location, one name change, and four circulation systems. She has seen the addition of computers to the library, the addition of Internet access, the ability to send faxes, email, and the retiring of the card catalog. Pat remembers the Gaylord machines used for checking out materials and the "thunking" sound it emitted every time a card was inserted in to the machine.

Today, Pat spends some of her time at various services desks assisting customers, but the bulk of her time is spent with behind the scenes work keeping the collection up to date.

Not your typical senior citizen, Pat embraces technology and continues to learn and teach other staff with technology, cell phone, and Overdrive questions. She loves helping customers find materials and researches and troubleshoots technology questions.

Simpson Library Executive Director Sue Erdman comments, "Pat Sari well deserves to receive the Cumberland County Library System Foundation Employee of the Month award for July 2022. Writing her nomination, I was impressed once again with all she has accomplished over the years."

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](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org).

