

Cumberland County Library System Foundation Names Livvy Fuhrman-King, Circulation Assistant and Children's Assistant at New Cumberland Public Library, September 2022 Employee of the Month

The first time Olivia (Livvy) Fuhrman came to the New Cumberland Public Library, it was in the 1960s and the Library was still located in the New Cumberland Borough Building. After a difficult personal loss the summer she turned 13, Livvy found great solace in the Library: the books and reading, but also the wonderful people. When she came to the Library during those teen years, she always had the sense the staff was looking out for her.

Fast forward to 1989, when Livvy was hired by New Cumberland Public Library as a part-time circulation assistant, working both the main circulation desk and in the children's library. This fall marks her 33rd year as a member of the Library staff.

During her long tenure at New Cumberland Public Library, Livvy has served in a variety of roles and seen a myriad of changes. In addition to working in circulation and children's, she also planned and delivered the Library's monthly travel program for about a decade during the 1990s. Over time, Livvy has seen the adoption of four different circulation systems and remembers the era of card catalogs and stamping due date cards. By far, Livvy says her

favorite part of working at New Cumberland has been seeing generations of children grow up and bring their own families to the Library. According to Library Director Alana Bubnis, Livvy's warmth and generosity of spirit, as well as her willingness to embrace change, is something that is universally appreciated by patrons, colleagues, and supervisors. **"When I arrived at New Cumberland in 2016 as Youth Services Coordinator, I implemented numerous changes to the department. While change can be hard for all of us, Livvy's willingness to not only embrace those changes, but to wholeheartedly support them was remarkable. Coupled with the warmth and caring she shows to every member of our community that walks through the Library doors, especially children, Livvy is an incredible asset to our Library and to the New Cumberland community."**

In addition to her 33 years at the Library, Livvy has also worked part-time at other educational organizations including at St. Joseph's School as a kindergarten aide, at Trinity High School as a library aide, and at Milton Hershey School as a relief house parent with her husband Russ. Nothing is more important to Livvy than her family and she is the proud mother of three boys, Nick, Brendan, and Colin, and brand new grandmother to Gryffin, the 5-month old son of Brendan & Gemma. All of her sons attended storytime at the Library as boys. The Library has always held a special place in her heart, and even today she still feels happiness every time she walks in the door, always finding joy at the Library.

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