

# Interviews with the 2024 CCPL Values Award Winners

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## Christopher Borroughs, Career Services, Perryville

### How long have you worked at CCPL?

I am approaching my third year at CCPL; I started in June 2021.

### What do you like about your work at CCPL?

I enjoy the variety each new day brings. From answering varied reference questions to investigating potential future programs, there is always something new and exciting happening in the library!



### Tell us what you enjoy about serving the community.

My favorite part of serving the community is teaching technology and workforce topics, both in classes and in one-on-one sessions. I enjoy seeing people gain independent skills they can use to unlock new doors in their careers and personal lives.

### What do you wish others knew about CCPL that they might not otherwise?

I wish people knew how many online resources the library provides for free. For example, patrons can learn Adobe Photoshop on LinkedIn Learning

or study the basics of American Sign Language on GALE Courses. I've discovered both of these resources have significant costs for users, but the library unlocks access for free; all you need is a library card to get started!

## Patrick Jones, Purchasing, North East

### How long have you worked at CCPL?

Since March of 2023. I started in Elkton Circulation, moved to North East Circulation, and I am now the Purchasing Specialist.

### What do you like about your work at CCPL?

I like the variety in the work that we do. Patrons come to us for help with all kinds of things. It's always very rewarding when we can help them find a resolution!



### Tell us what you enjoy about serving the community.

I'm from Cecil County. I love seeing old friends, and I love getting to meet new people! Our patrons have been incredibly kind to me since I started. It makes it easy to go to work in the morning, knowing I'm working for our awesome patrons!

### What do you wish others knew about CCPL that they might not otherwise?

The variety of programs and services we offer! I think most people know that libraries are great places to find all forms of media. These days we go beyond

that – from private study rooms to assistance starting a small business, to computer classes, and more! The programs we offer these days are so varied and unique. And free! I wish more people would stop in to find out what we can offer them!

## Tyler Koch, Communications, North East

### **How long have you worked at CCPL?**

This is my 10th year working for the library! I started as a Teen specialist at Cecilton before moving to the Children's Department at Perryville where I worked for many years. Now I'm in administration in our Communications department.

### **What do you like about your work at CCPL?**

It's such fulfilling, varied work that really feels impactful to the community. Throughout my years at CCPL, I've gotten to wear a lot of different hats, met so many different



people, and experienced such an array of stories. No matter what role I've been in, the work is filled with creativity and problem-solving, which I love! We put so much thought and care into figuring out the best way to serve the public and are constantly trying new things.

### **Tell us what you enjoy about serving the community.**

Like so many other CCPL employees, I'm from Cecil County and it's so exciting to be able to work with the library system in which I grew up.

One of my earliest memories is attending StoryTime at the tiny

old Perryville library and I just love that we're helping to build similar memories for the community.

### **What do you wish others knew about CCPL that they might not otherwise?**

I wish people knew that everyone is always welcome and we have so much to offer to them. I think people don't know the true extent of our offerings until they experience it for themselves. The Library truly is a free and open space where anyone can gather and find something new to inspire their curiosity.

# Morgan Morison, Teen Services, Cecilton & Chesapeake City

## How long have you worked at CCPL?

March 2024 will be my 3 year anniversary with CCPL but I grew up volunteering at the Rising Sun Library so it feels like it has been so much longer!

## What do you like about your work at CCPL?

I feel like I am making a difference, especially working in youth services. When I see a child make a beeline for me to gush about a book that I recommended or have one tell me how much they loved making friends at programs, it lets me know that what I do is seen and matters. I had librarians make an impact on me when I was that age (it determined my entire career path) and I want to be that librarian for someone else.



## Tell us what you enjoy about serving the community.

I really enjoy the connections I make with patrons. I enjoy the daily interactions and recognizing familiar faces.

## What do you wish others knew about CCPL that they might not otherwise?

I wish people knew that libraries are not simply physical books; we have so much more to offer the community! Not only do we offer electronic materials, but also digital resources, a safe space to work and connect, programming for all ages, and more. If someone doesn't appreciate libraries, I think that just means it's time for them to go in and explore.

## Summer Rosswog, Children's Services, Perryville

### How long have you worked at CCPL?

I have worked at CCPL for 4 years as of March 2024.

### What do you like about your work at CCPL?

I love the library staff; my colleagues are wonderful. I love the children and families that I serve as a Children's Librarian. And I love the mission of public libraries: free access to information for all. I could not imagine a better vocation.



### Tell us what you enjoy about serving the community.

I love the diversity of Cecil County. When you work in the public library, you serve people with a wide range of backgrounds, beliefs, and interests. I love that I get to connect with such a wide variety of people every day when I go to work. Our patrons are all different but what they have in common is that they all use the public library.

### What do you wish others knew about CCPL that they might not otherwise?

CCPL events, programs, and activities for ALL ages. The public

library is there for you, all the time, for your entire life. It is an amazing community resource with no user fees. Whenever you want to use it, we welcome you!