

Changes Abound

In recent months Hershey Public Library has seen several changes in staffing. Following the retirement of our good friend and colleague, Barbara Nwoke, staff has shifted and taken on some new faces.

Krista Hughes has moved up to a fulltime position, as Cataloging and Collections Librarian. She left a Technical Services opening, which was then filled by Barbara Ries, who had worked in Circulation for 10 years. Jennifer Schwartz tendered her letter of resignation in late September, after which we interviewed some highly qualified candidates to fill the two open positions at Circulation. I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Amanda Snyder and Brigitte Mankiewicz, who each have years of library experience and Master's Degrees in Library Science.

The Library Profession offers a wide variety of opportunities for those who have walked this path. Many of our staff have previously worked in other professional positions including teaching, nursing, customer service, psychology, personnel management, water aerobics, translating and writing in a foreign language for industry, radio broadcasting, newspaper reporting, and theatre performance. What they bring to our staff is a wealth of knowledge that offers great resources to our library users.

Each time I have had to interview and hire a new employee, it is a learning experience. Some people come to an interview with ease, while others not so much. Our approach at Hershey Public Library is to make them comfortable enough that they can reveal who they really are and let us know how they can best serve our public. Fortunately for us and all of you, we have succeeded in gathering a stellar group of whom I am very proud.

To our new employees, we say, "Welcome." To those who have moved into new responsibilities, we wish you well and are here to help. To all who continue to meet the mission of the Hershey Public Library in their respective service roles, we are grateful. Thank you everyone for your hard work!

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