

Skaneateles Library Names Schwartzwalder Librarian for Kids & Teens

The library welcomes a familiar face to a new role and responds to increased demand for youth programming by doubling hours of youth services librarian.

The Skaneateles Library announced Mary Beth Schwartzwalder as their new Librarian for Kids and Teens. In this role she will develop and lead programming for patrons from birth through teenage years, while also managing collections for those ages. Schwartzwalder is a familiar face at the library, having worked as circulation clerk since March 2017. Her predecessor, Diane Aberi, vacated the position in February to pursue other interests.

“I’m looking forward to building relationships with families in the area and making sure our programming reflects their needs to the best of our abilities. Right now I’m having a lot of fun dancing around during story times and developing a new program for older elementary students using STEAM principles,” said Schwartzwalder.

The community will also benefit from the increased hours of the librarian for kids and teens. As demand for youth programming continues to rise, the hours for the position have been increased to 30 hours-per-week.

“Our community continues to grow and so does demand for children’s programming,” said Nickie Marquis, library director. “We’ve seen an uptick in requests for more robust youth programming, which led to the decision to increase the hours of our kids and teen librarian. We are thrilled to have Mary Beth in this role and look forward to expanding youth programs and collections as space allows. The near full-time hours will allow us to incorporate more programming, events and activities for our youngest patrons and families.”

In addition to her role in youth services, Schwartzwalder is also the library’s volunteer coordinator, responsible for the development and implementation of initiatives aimed at maximizing the strengths of current and potential volunteers.

“I’m excited to build upon what’s already being done and explore some new ideas, both as the librarian for kids and teens and as volunteer coordinator,” said Schwartzwalder.

Schwartzwalder holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a Master of Arts in English Literature from Duquesne University. In addition to library experience, her career includes roles in the fields of marketing and communications for nonprofit organizations, including libraries.