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Title: Sydney Ash Stands Out as Top Teen Volunteer at Chelsea District Library

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is proud to announce Beach Middle School eighth grade student, Sydney Ash, has been named CDL's 2022 Youth Service Group (YSG) Volunteer of the Year. This award celebrates teens who demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment while volunteering at the library. Sydney will be recognized by her peers at this year's YSG orientation sessions and on a brand new plaque that will hang in the library's TeenSpace area.

Sydney has been volunteering at the library since the end of her seventh grade year in 2022. "Sydney was indispensable that first summer," said Teen Librarian Stacey Comfort, "She signed up to help us out at the SRP Table and was really helpful to all of our patrons." She learned the Beanstack app and program easily, and was able to teach fellow volunteers how it worked; she even found errors and asked questions that helped the librarians serve the community better during the Summer Reading Program.

Both Head Librarian Shannon Powers and Youth Librarian Jessica Zubik said that Sydney is very take-charge. She's learning quickly, and willing to learn. Zubik even used Sydney's expertise to help on the 2022 Wings of Fire party, as Ash was a big fan of the youth dragon series, and the program was an enormous success.

CDL is always looking for new YSG members who are entering seventh grade or above. If you are an interested student or parent and want to find out more about YSG volunteer opportunities at CDL, visit the library website at chelseadistrictlibrary.org, and click on the How Do I...Become a Volunteer tab. The library is currently taking applications for fall and winter volunteer positions only. Sign up today by filling out an application online. YSG volunteers help set up and clean up library programs, assist with running the Summer Reading Program, and support the youth & teen librarians. YSG volunteering is a great way to serve our community and meet new friends! Plus, as an added bonus, the group will finish the summer off with a fun party at Pierce Park!

About Us: Chelsea District Library (CDL) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. CDL currently serves 16,126 residents in the Chelsea library district—City of Chelsea, Lyndon and Sylvan Townships, and the portions of Lima and Dexter Townships within the Chelsea School District. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

