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Lauren Baker Named Library's YSG Volunteer of the Year

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is proud to announce that local Chelsea High School Junior Lauren Baker has been named the library's 2017 Youth Service Group (YSG) Volunteer of the Year. Started in 2015, this award recognizes a teen volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment.

Lauren has been volunteering with the library for four years, and has made a great impression on the librarians. "When Lauren signs up to help with a program, I know I will have dependable support, and it makes planning easier," said Jessica Zubik. Edith Donnell, head of the Youth Service Group at the library, agrees. "Lauren really demonstrates how a volunteer can make a family's experience at a library program so much better. She treats library visitors with dignity and respect, no matter how young they are."

Lauren started visiting the library long before volunteering, and is an avid reader. "I love how peaceful and open the library is and how you can just get lost in all of the books and lose track of time." She started volunteering because she "...wanted to have an impact on the community that would make a difference even if it's just a smile on someone's face." CDL is proud to present this award to Lauren in appreciation of her hard work and dedication. A custom READ poster featuring Lauren will be on display in the library.

The library is always looking for new members for the Youth Service Group who are going into seventh grade or above. Interested students and their families can visit the Chelsea District Library website at www.chelseadistrictlibrary.org, and look for the *How Do I...* tab to find volunteer opportunities. There is still time for students to sign-up for summer volunteer opportunities by

filling out an application and attending one of our YSG Orientation sessions. Youth Service Group volunteers help setup and cleanup library programs, assist with running the Summer Reading Program, and support the Youth & Teen Librarians in tasks important to the function of the library. For more information about youth volunteer opportunities, contact Edith Donnell, Teen & Youth Librarian at (734) 475-8732 Ext. 218 or via email edonnell@chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district, which includes the City of Chelsea and the Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan townships. Approximately 16,000 individuals visit the library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

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