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Aiden Reames Named Youth Services Group Volunteer of the Year

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is proud to announce that local Chelsea High School sophomore Aiden Reames has been named the library's 2018 Youth Service Group (YSG) Volunteer of the Year. Started in 2015, this award recognizes a teen volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment.

Aiden is a special asset to the library, helping librarians during the week with everything from collection management to craft preparation. "Aiden was a bit shy at first, but over the years we have seen him grow and develop as a volunteer," said Youth Librarian Jessica Zubik. Edith Donnell, head of the YSG at the library, agrees. "Aiden signs up for every shift that involves helping with collection-related work. Gradually he has signed up for more activities involving the public. He comes all year round, which shows great dedication."

Beach Middle School's 7th grade Leadership Class was what first brought Aiden to the library. "The leadership class I was in required students to get some public service hours for a grade. I had heard the library mentioned, so I decided to try out going there." Aiden discovered that he liked volunteering at the library so much, he signed up for more shifts. For Aiden, "volunteering is a way to feel useful, and a means to slow down in life, and get some time to think. I enjoy how relaxed it is, and how welcoming it feels to work there." Aiden has discovered through his volunteering at the library that he would like to pursue a career in library and information services. CDL is proud to present this award to Aiden in appreciation of his hard work and dedication. A custom READ poster featuring Aiden will be on display in the library.

CDL is always looking for new members for the YSG who are going into seventh grade or above. Interested students and their families can visit the Chelsea District Library website at chelseadistrictlibrary.org, and look for the *How Do I...* tab to find volunteer information. There is still time for students to sign up for spring volunteer opportunities by filling out an application and attending one of our YSG Orientation sessions. YSG volunteers help with setup and cleanup for library programs, assist with running the Summer Reading Program, and support librarians in tasks important to the function of the library.

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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