

Meet the Youth Services Staff!



SHELLY never thought she would be a librarian until she got into a car accident with one of the children's librarians in the town she lived in. She became friends with the woman and started volunteering at the library. She liked it so much that she decided to go to school to be a librarian. Her first job was working on the Bookmobile at the Ames Public Library in Iowa. She now thinks that she has the best job in the world! Shelly loves dogs almost as much as reading, and her goal is to one day own a Newfoundland. If you don't know how BIG they are, check out a book and read up on them!

DAYNA was born in Wisconsin on a "real farm" i.e.; one where all the animals are named and get touched every day. She loved roaming the woods, trying to keep up with her Dad (probably the reason she walks like a farmer), riding bike and drawing. When she went to school she discovered two loves; reading and sculpture. She wishes to thank her second grade teacher for the ball of clay each student got to keep in their desks. She later discovered poetry, which can save lives, by the way... She served in Chicago and its suburbs prior to moving here. She loves being back in her homeland. This is her return to Eau Claire, having attended UWEC in the late 1970's. She looks forward to growing a "real" garden; one with flowers and vegetables, raising chickens and watching her dogs grow.



JILL has had many different pets during her life including cats, dogs, fish, mice, a guinea pig named Bella, and a turtle named Einstein. She was even an official judge of a turtle race for many years! If you want to find out how to take good care of your pets, you can find lots of books at the library to help you. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to tell Jill what kind of pet YOU have, and she can help you find a book about how to take care of it!

ALISHA loves to read, but she does not like to read scary stories or write her own stories. It is ironic, then, that when she was 15 years old she won a scary stories writing contest. As the winning story, it was read on the radio complete with character voices and sound effects. In her spare time she likes to spend time with family, play games, solve puzzles, take walks, play piano, and read. One of her favorite activities is creating treasure hunts for her nieces and nephews. Her favorite reading genres are historical fiction and nonfiction.



JENN is from New Mexico, where it's sunny most of the time. She loves Wisconsin, but misses all of those sunny days. For as long as she can remember, Jenn has been a bookworm. Reading is one of her favorite activities in the whole world. She read every single Nancy Drew Mystery when she was younger, and wanted to be just like Nancy Drew when she grew up. Instead, she ended up working in a library, which is the next best thing! She has two cats, whom she loves dearly. They like to curl up on her lap when she reads.

JESSI slept in the top bunk of a triple-decker bunk bed when she was little. She liked to go fishing and climb trees and collect rocks. Her favorite stories were about animals, like "Charlotte's Web" and "Black Beauty." Working at the library and reading lots of books gives her great ideas for writing her own stories and poems. For her birthday she would like a brown horse with no spots or a pig with lots of spots.



When **AMY** was a mere youngster, she had to walk up hill to school both ways. This is only possible if there is a mountain-like hill in between your house and the school, which was the case. But, one benefit was that it was also down hill both ways. Amy also loves to create to-do lists. Some of the things she has accomplished are: read all of the Newbery award winners, learn how to knit, and learn to sing the alphabet backwards. On her list of things yet to do are: grow a 100 pound pumpkin, learn to swim, run a marathon, serve turkey on a silver platter, and visit our nation's capital.



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