

The Port Jervis Free Library (PJFL) is proud to announce the selection of Curran Z. Koehler of Centerville, Indiana, as the new Director, beginning September 21st. Originally from Evansville, Curran has four years' experience as managing director of the Centerville-Center Township Public Library in Indiana from 2020 until his acceptance of the Director position at the PJFL. While Director of the Centerville-Center Township Library, Curran was involved in setting up and helping a Friends of the Library organization, including acquiring 501(c)(3) status. He was also responsible for initiating new library programming; managing Human Resources, payroll and bookkeeping; assisting the board of trustees to start a construction project, which included managing the bidding process; managing two county-level, taxpayer-backed, bond issues for the library totaling close to three million dollars, as well as four subsequent, Indiana State Board of Accounts audits; creating and or reorganizing most of the current internal and external library policies; and developing a long-range plan for the Centerville-Center Township Public Library.

Curran graduated with Honors from the University of Southern Indiana in 2012 with a B.S. in History, and earned a Master of Library and Information Science from the University with Honors in Spring 2021. He served as an Archival Assistant in the university's Archives and Special Collection between 2009 and 2012, where he was acknowledged with a plaque for years of service to the University of Southern Indiana library.

We expect that Curran will adjust easily to the tristate area, as he is an avid swimmer, hiker and fisherman. He loves Stephen King books, with his favorite genre being horror (adult fiction) and history (adult nonfiction). Curran lived in Baltimore for 4 years and Indianapolis for 3, which explains his favorite football team being the Colts!

The PJFL Board of Trustees is excited about our new Director coming on board and is sure the staff, volunteers and community as a whole will make his transition easy and welcoming.