Volunteer Spotlight - Angie Moretti

"Can I attend one of your library programs? "Sure, would you be interested in assisting as well?"Absolutely!"

This innocuous exchange back in the fall of 2022 opened up a new learning pathway for Angie Moretti, our Drexel Library student volunteer. Angie has been working enthusiastically and reliably in the Reference Department, starting with the AARP Digital Skills Ready50+ classes. When particular students required one-on-one assistance, Angie helped to give those older adult learners the support and confidence that helped them grow. When we began offering One-on-One Tech Help in December 2022, Angie was eager to be part of this popular initiative. She has spent more than 25 hours volunteering for both of our libraries and in the community. She visited Sunrise of Abington three times this year, and helped one Personal Care resident sign up for a health portal, which gave the woman more peace of mind while preparing for an upcoming surgery. Angie hails from Jenkintown, where she enjoyed going to her local library as a child. It inspired her to study librarianship. "I remember loving the atmosphere and the programs they held there. I want to help continue libraries’ missions to help create and bring information to their communities."

The Abington and Roslyn libraries strive to champion learning and foster connections for everyone in our community. Angie's volunteerism embodies that mission. She started volunteering at our libraries to fulfill a requirement for a graduate class, and has stayed on.

"I think this is important work that I would like to contribute," Angie said. "My first capstone semester is wrapping up, and I’m looking forward to continuing the present next semester too!" Angie was a vital contributor to the successful launch of our One-on-One Tech Help service. She provides hands-on assistance and gets feedback from the participants to help improve the service. "Volunteering with seniors has been a pleasant challenge for me," she said. "It’s not something I would have come up with on my own, but I wanted to help fulfill an already existing need."

In addition to providing all of her tech help, Angie has been part of a library staff working group. "I’m learning a lot," she said. "Seeing the behind the scenes of how librarians collaborate and mobilize towards a goal is inspiring for someone just starting their librarian career like myself."

We are so grateful for all of the work Angie has done and look forward to seeing where her future in librarianship takes her! - Anna Kraynak
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