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Library Deputy Fiscal Officer Wins Auditor Award

The Montgomery County Auditor's Office has named Washington-Centerville Public Library's Deputy Fiscal Officer, Cindy Uttermohlen, the recipient of the first ever **Jesse Haines Award**. The award, named for the county's longest-serving County Auditor, recognizes a local government fiscal administrator in Montgomery County who demonstrates a commitment to excellence and has served their organization and community with distinction and integrity.

As Deputy Fiscal Officer, Ms. Uttermohlen, working under the supervision of the Library Board of Trustees, is responsible for forecasting, budgeting, financial planning, and day-to-day fiscal operations. Library Director Kim Paras nominated Ms. Uttermohlen for the award saying, "Cindy exemplifies our institutional values of accountability, excellence, collaboration, customer focus and passion. She is most deserving of this award."

Library Trustees agree that Ms. Uttermohlen is a careful and thoughtful steward of the taxpayers' money. Since 1981, she has completed 17 successful audits, navigated years of fluctuating state funding, and consistently kept the Library's expenditures in line with income. "Cindy provides

Library management and the Board of Trustees with thorough reports every month that clearly and accurately communicate where the money is being spent and compares revenue and spending to previous years,” says Bob Hanseman, Library Board President. Randy Bowling, Library Board Fiscal Officer adds, “Cindy’s ability to plan and execute our library budget is top notch. She is consistently able to bring actual budget in at 95% or better of planned budget, with no overruns in budget year after year.”

Most notably, Ms. Uttermohlen’s forecasting and long term planning skills have enabled the Library to do significant capital improvements including purchasing the McDonald's property at 6010 Far Hills Avenue and completing a rear egress, known as the Bob Corbin Drive, at Woodbourne Library. The most exciting project now underway is the renovation and 10,000 square foot expansion of the Woodbourne Library, which, thanks in part to Ms. Uttermohlen’s planning, will require no additional bonds or levies to complete. “Her ability to forecast 5-10 years in advance, and always within \$100,000 of plan, despite constant changes in the Public Library Fund distribution, has been a huge help to the Library Board as we plan for the future,” says Mr. Bowling.

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