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Thank You, Peter Eder, for Your Volunteer Work in the Tax Assistance Program at Darien Library

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Thank you, Peter Eder, for your volunteer work at Darien Library, helping other volunteers help people prepare their taxes — at what's become the busiest AARP tax assistance site in the state of Connecticut.

—This article is part of a series of daily articles profiling the volunteers recognized in May at the Darien annual [volunteer recognition luncheon](#) organized by the [Community Fund of Darien](#).

Peter Eder's Efforts with Darien Library

For the past two years Peter has played a leadership role in our very successful Tax Assistance program, where he oversees the AARP tax volunteers and welcomes our clients with exceptional warmth and care.

Understanding that anything involving taxes can make people anxious and often not appear at their personal best, his calm, assured manner goes a long way to making what is often a difficult process a bit more manageable.

The library is the busiest AARP tax site in the State of Connecticut, due in large part to the extreme customer service led by Peter. He embodies the best of our community, and we are thrilled to recognize him for his outstanding volunteer efforts.

— Colleen Wood

- ***SEE ALSO:*** [AARP's Busiest Free Tax Preparation Help Site in CT Is at Darien Library — Starts Jan 27](#) (Jan. 7)

Darien Library Is Always Looking for Volunteers

From [a Web page about volunteering](#) on the *Darien Library website*:

FOR ADULTS

We are actively looking for volunteers to help capture records for our Obituaries Index Project. This is a perfect opportunity for someone who would like to participate in a community-wide legacy service. The ideal candidate will pay attention to detail and have an interest in the town's history. Volunteers will be able to set their own hours.

Please contact Colleen Wood at cwood@darienlibrary.org for further information.!

FOR TEENS

Darien Library is currently looking for teens between the ages of 12 to 17 who are interested in volunteering in the Children's Library. Volunteer hours are flexible as you will volunteer when it works with your schedule. We require each shift to be a minimum of 15 minutes and a maximum of 60 minutes for no more than one day per work week.

Positions include:

- Party Patrol: help at big events like the Summer Reading finale
- Librarian's Assistant: public facing help in the Children's Library
- Behind the Scenes: non-public facing tasks and projects
- Program Assistant: smaller program assistance and prep

If interested, please [fill out the form](#) and email it to morobona@darienlibrary.org or bring the completed form to the Children's Library.

About This Series

- The profiles in this series were presented at the 2019 volunteer recognition luncheon held at the [Darien Community Association](#) and recorded (in [this video](#)) by Darien TV79.
- Darien runs on volunteers — from our churches to our town government, schools, political parties, sports teams, three fire departments and our local nonprofits. They're the largest part of what makes this town a community. We should all encourage them and thank them.
- Darienite.com is running this series now, while more people are thinking about whether they want to volunteer in the upcoming year.
- Each article presents the description provided about that volunteer (or sometimes more than one) as provided by an organization that benefited from that person's efforts.

Here's the Full List of Volunteers

Each of these volunteers was recognized this year and will be profiled in this series:

Shyamla Menon (A Better Chance);—Nina Miller (At Home in Darien);—Rochelle Charnin (Building One Community);—Frank Huck (Darien Arts Center);—Darien firefighters, including Fire Chiefs Vic Pensiero, Shaun Volin & John Hessmer (Darien Board of Selectman);—Pam Miller (Darien Book Aide Plan);—Cheryl Williams (Darien Chamber of Commerce);—Pat Parlette (Darien Community Association);—Tiffany O'Connor (Darien High School);—Anne Lise Brown (Darien High School Parents' Association);—Carolyn McGrath (Darien Historical Society);—Janet Cling (Darien Land Trust);—Kathy Larkins (Darien Human Services);—Peter Eder (Darien Library);—Mike Wheeler (Darien TV79);—Scott Overbeck (Darien YMCA);—Jennifer Geddes (Domestic Violence Crisis Center);—David Ball (Family Centers);—Shelly Skoglund (League of Women Voters);—Andrea Huntington (Mather Homestead Foundation);—Katie and Emily Wiley (Norwalk Grassroots Tennis);—Hayley Ackers (Person-to-Person);—Margaret “Annie” Slaughter (Silver Hill Hospital of New Canaan);—Reeve Boeckmann & Elizabeth Hall (The Carver Foundation of Norwalk);—Jill McCammon (The Community Fund of Darien);—Bryne Pozzi (The Darien Foundation);—Donna Collins (The Darien Nature Center);—Kathy Arrix (The Depot, Darien Youth Center);—Annie Arrix & Lily Kosnik (Thriving Youth);—Stephanie O'Malley (Tokeneke PTO);—Katie Murphy (Darien Youth Commission).

Sponsors of the 2019 Recognition Luncheon were the Darien Community Association, Brown Thayer Shed and Halstead Real Estate.