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Hi Diane! Welcome to Faculty Feature Friday! 🎉

How long have you been working at Silas Wood?

I was hired in the summer of 2018, so it will be three years in August!

Amazing! Where were you prior to SHSD ?

After a lifetime in the private sector (15 years of which I was lucky enough to be offered the opportunity to work from home doing administrative work while raising my daughters), I had been the library secretary at John Glenn HS in Elwood for about three years before coming to shufsd.

Wow! Very impressed !

Do you keep pictures on your desk?
If so send a pic !



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Well... I do keep a photo of my husband (who passed away in November of 2019), but I am happy to send this bunch which highlights my two daughters. Darla is 33; Dori-Jo is 22!



I am sorry to hear about your husband! You have a beautiful family ! ❤️

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How was your spring break?
Relaxing or do anything fun?

Thank you for saying both those things! Yes, the daughters have kept me going!

I am a 12 month employee! I was in the office on Wednesday but took vacation and personal days for the rest of the break, which was lovely. I had time to read a lot (my favorite thing to do in all the world), baked a bit and did some gardening. Enjoyed some good movies on dvd.

What book are you reading !? And tell me what you baked!

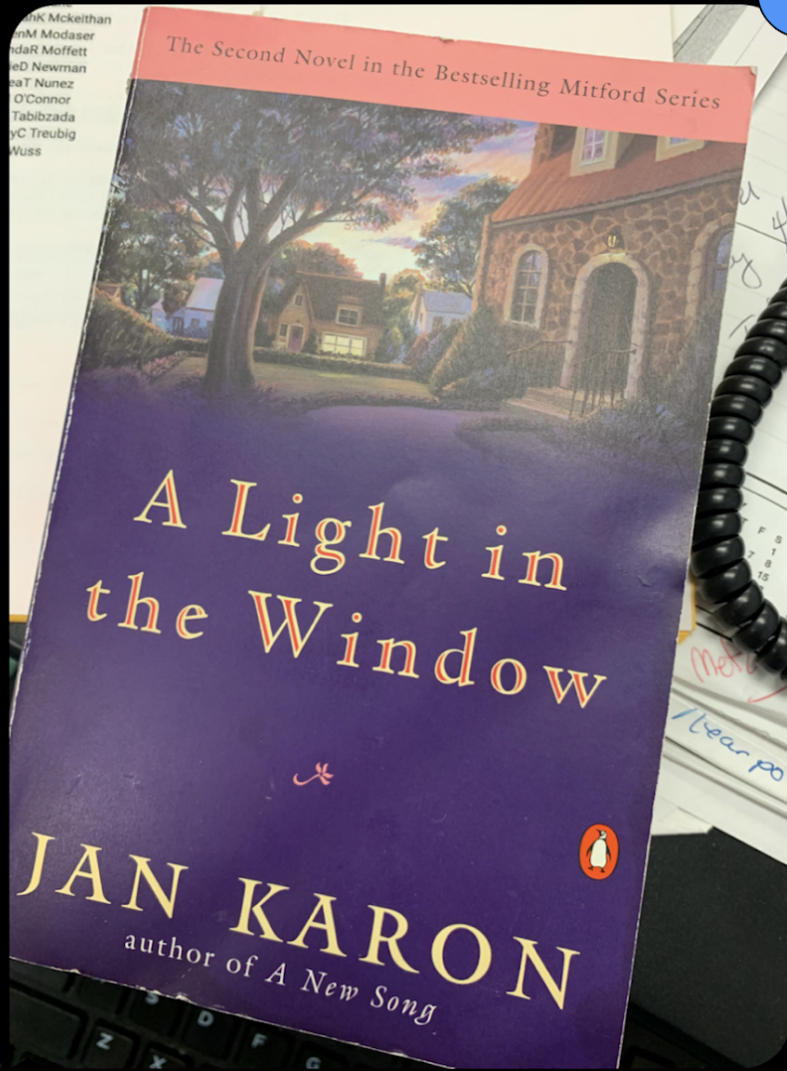
I baked recipes from both my Italian grandmas - a butter pound cake and cookies called anginettes

I usually am reading a novel and a non fiction...

😊 sounds delicious !!



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Just got the Elizabeth and Margaret from the library yesterday. I am afraid to dig in to it because it looks like a real page turner!

There's a Netflix documentary on them that just came out! Book I'm sure will be better - it always is



Oh, I thanks! I'll look for it!

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Pick 3 words that would best describe yourself when you were a 6th grader

Happy. Bibliophile. Industrious

(I was going to say chubby but decided against it!)

Lol awww!!

What's one thing you look forward to everyday at work?

Honestly, I just love my job more than I can say. Mr Toto sets the most amazing tone here at Silas—one of warm professionalism with the kids coming first ALWAYS. I think that is what I like most—that our focus is on the students, with their success and wellbeing as the goal of everything we all do.

I also like the building a lot! It is old fashioned and very cozy!

We are so lucky to have you! Truly!

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Feels like stepping back in time which suits me!

Oh thank you.

I love that !

What's your favorite time period ?

Hmmm

In books and movies, Victorian or Edwardian.

Very cool

What's dinner tonight ?

Well.

As it is just me...

Probably Easter leftovers, maybe a slice of ham with some broccoli and a baked potato.

Yum !! Leftovers are the best

True!

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And finally - who would you like to see interviewed next on Faculty Feature Friday? 😊

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I'm thinking!

I did want to mention that before Covid I had enjoyed participating in community theater. One interesting outcome of the social distancing rules is that I've been participating in some online groups that do zoom type play readings by new playwrights. Just something interesting...

Wow!!!!!!! That's amazing ! 😍

What was the last character you played ?

I would love to see Judy Wulfken , Silas' school nurse, interviewed. I believe she is the district's nurse of longest standing. A wonderful nurse and a truly lovely person with a funny dry sense of humor.

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Oh, Mrs. Paroo in Music Man. It was a hoot to play that part. That was a couple of years back as I had to take a break during my husband's illness. Then came Covid, so it's been a while.

I'm glad to hear that you found a fun and positive outlet during such a hard time

Yes, it's lots of fun - really interesting writing that's wonderful to get to be involved in, plus I've met and become friendly with people from all over the world - all over the US, and as far away as New Zealand!



That's incredible, Diane!

Thank you so much for taking the time for this interview ! It was great getting to know you a bit! We're so lucky to have you as part of our SHSD family 🥰

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Thank you. I am truly blessed to be here.