

MMeet our staff! This month, we are profiling Baker & Taylor's Lindsey Ferrante, a Collection Development Librarian and Young Adult reading expert who works in our Bridgewater, NJ office. Lindsey hails from Easton, Pennsylvania and is now settled in New Jersey. She's about to celebrate her 13th anniversary with Baker & Taylor. Learn more about her below.

Q. Hi Lindsey. First off, tell us a little bit about what your role entails at Baker & Taylor.

As a Collection Development Librarian, I get the privilege to work with our B&T customers throughout the country, whether for ongoing collection development or a new branch location. In Collection Development at B&T, we work with our customers to tailor lists of titles that will help the customer make selections that will work within the budget requirements for a project. Additionally, our work frees up energy and time, allowing customers to focus on the day-to-day duties of a librarian. This partnership extends to ongoing collection development, and covers things ranging from creating lists based off customer needs via First Look Custom to further projects such as ESP Enterprise.



Q. Is there a favorite moment you'd like to share from building library collections over the years?

I do not know if there is one specific moment, but rather a bunch of moments, comprised of getting to travel out in the field with some of our Sales Professionals and getting to meet my direct customer face to face. I had never really traveled much before I started at B&T, and I have been fortunate to have seen many new places that I would not have if I didn't work here.

Q. What inspired your love of reading?

I have always been an avid reader. My mother was an elementary school teacher and eventually the school librarian; she really made a point to help foster that love of reading as my sister and I were growing up. I have always loved being engrossed in a book and being transported to new places.

Q. As our in-house YA reading specialist, are there any favorite reads (or characters) you'd like to tell us about that are coming soon?

I actually read multiple books at the same time, in different formats. This habit is compounded by my excitement and love of authors well-known for series fiction. With the release of Cassandra Clare's *Chain of Gold*, I immediately went running back to her previous Shadowhunters novels.





Q. Rumor has it, your beloved dog Zoey is a reader, too. What is Zoey reading these days?

Zoey really enjoys some mystery and thriller titles. She especially enjoys listening to the audio versions of titles such as *Supreme Justice* by Max Allen Collins and *Cold Storage* by David Koepp, which we are listening to together when we are in the car or home alone.

Q. And finally, if you were to choose an adventure for our favorite furry mascots, Baker and Taylor, what might that be?

If I could choose an adventure for Baker & Taylor it would be for them to go to a local animal shelter and hand out toys to all of the animals who are patiently waiting for homes.

Stay tuned for future Meet the Staff introductions, and if there's anyone you'd like to see gracing the pages of the *CATS Meow*, let us know at CATS@baker-taylor.com.

We hope you enjoy them! -*Baker & Taylor CATS*