

All good things must come to an end. After 32 years serving hundreds of students in the Monticello Central School District, Julia is starting the next chapter of her life- retirement.

Julia has been a teacher for the district for 32 years. She started at KLR. When the district reconfigured, Julia moved to the Cooke School and taught 4th grade. When Cooke was looking for a librarian, Julia stepped up to the challenge when nobody else wanted the position. She transformed the library into a place where students loved to come, get new and exciting books and engaged in hands on Makerspace and STEAM activities that encouraged collaboration, cooperation, and higher-level thinking. Every morning Julia would have dozens of students coming in to exchange their book for a new one. Julia taught students how to be responsible and the importance of borrowing books, taking care of it, and returning it. Julia's hard work was recognized and was selected for the Monticello Spotlight. Julia's love for reading will continue through retirement. She spends many summer days reading a novel or a People magazine.

In this next chapter, Julia will have time to focus on her two sons Jack and Sam. Sam will be leaving to join his brother at college and will be joining the Utica Lacrosse team. She will be able to attend the games and continue to be his #1 fan. She will also be there to enjoy Jack's last year of college and to see where life takes him. She will spend time in sunny Florida with her mom and cruise around in her VW convertible Bug.

Julia is always recognized by former students who tell her that she was their favorite teacher and reminisce of the fun activities they did in her class. She has brought many smiles to the students of Monticello and will be sorely missed by faculty and students. The many smiles are an indication that she left a lasting impression.