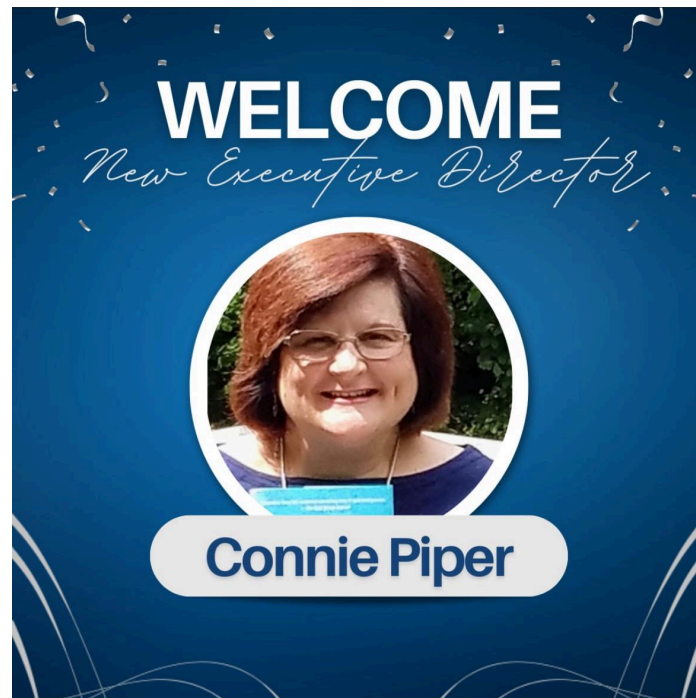


**The VAASL Executive Board is excited to announce the hiring of our next Executive Director – Connie Piper!**



Connie Cooley Piper is a retired educator who served for 33 years as a teacher, school librarian, and most recently as the curriculum specialist for libraries in Hanover County. Connie earned her BS in education from Virginia Tech, her MSLS from Catholic University, and a postgraduate certificate from JMU in administration. She, along with her husband, two children, and black lab reside in Beaverdam, Virginia. Connie enjoys traveling, antiquing, and of course, reading! Connie said, “I am excited for the adventure that lies ahead serving as the new executive director of VAASL.” Kelly Passek, VAASL President, commented, “Connie's experience and accomplishments over the course of her career illustrate her understanding and command of our roles as school librarians. Her involvement in community outreach and advocacy will be invaluable in advancing the mission of VAASL. We are so excited to welcome her to our executive board and begin working together.” Connie will begin as VAASL Executive Director effective May 1st. Connie will work with our retiring Executive Director, Margaret Baker, for the first few months to create a smooth transition.