Kokomo-Howard County Public Library's story began in 1885.

From the beginning, it was a key resource in building a better community.

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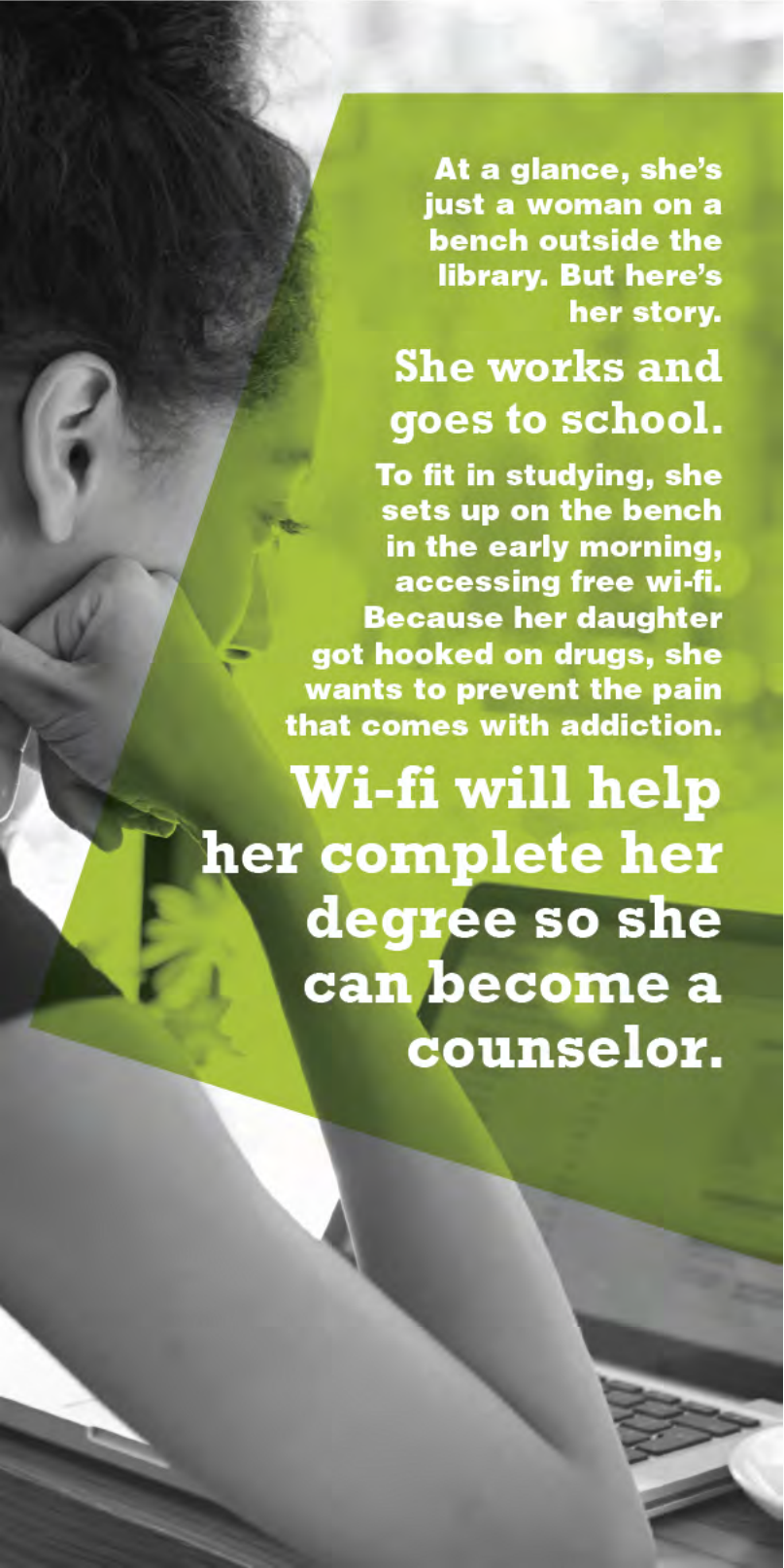


At a glance, she's just a woman on a bench outside the library. But here's her story.

She works and goes to school.

To fit in studying, she sets up on the bench in the early morning, accessing free wi-fi. Because her daughter got hooked on drugs, she wants to prevent the pain that comes with addiction.

Wi-fi will help her complete her degree so she can become a counselor.

KHCPL invited people to take selfies with Jerome the Gnome. Paper gnomes were everywhere in the community that summer. But here's the story you haven't heard: A child with autism connected with Jerome.

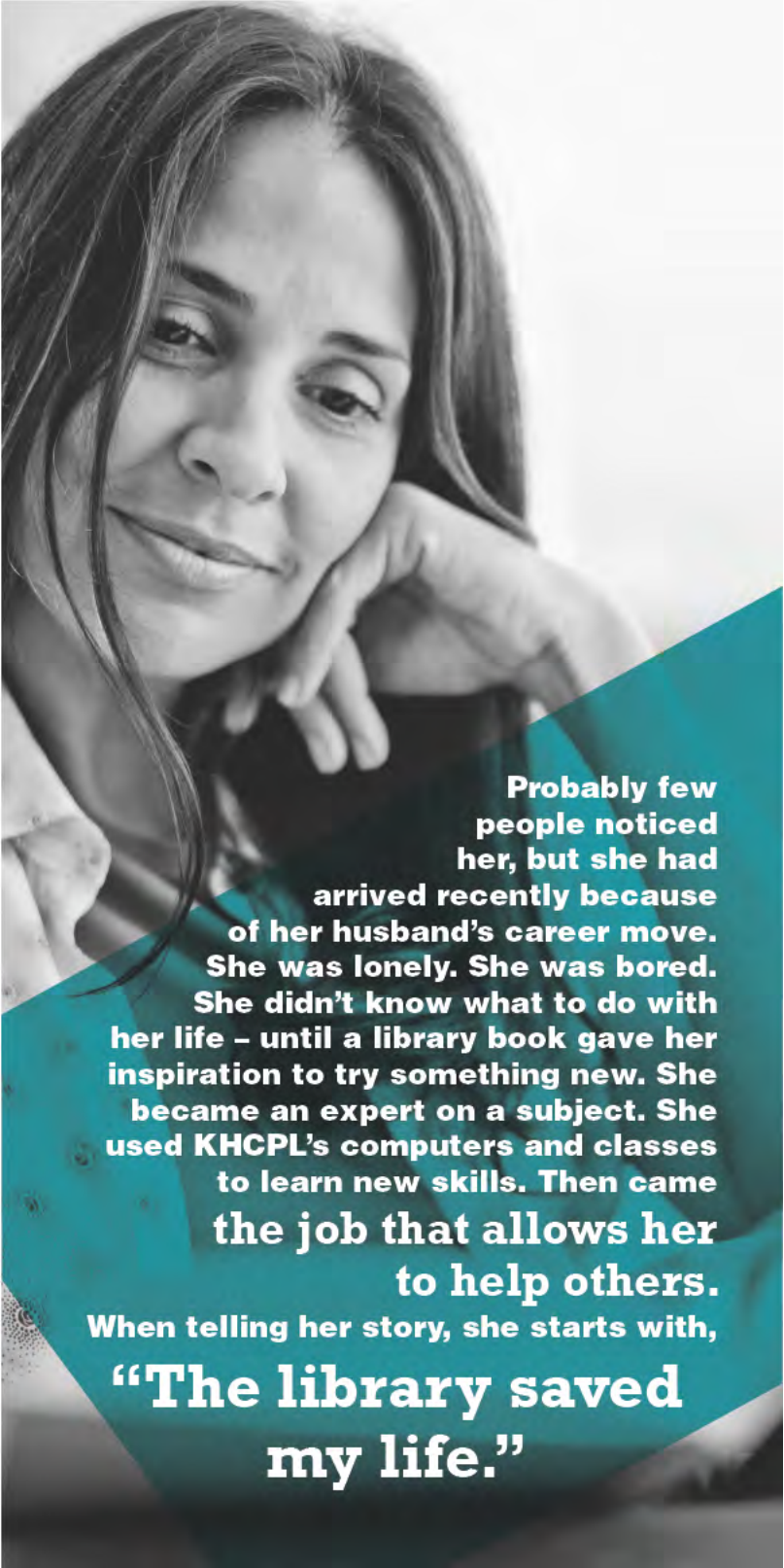
He made reading and the library fun.

That child and his mom are regulars now.

She was a middle-schooler who hated reading.

Library books in hand, her dad challenged her. If she didn't read three books before the first day of class, she couldn't shave her legs for a month. If she did read them, the dad had to shave his legs. Now we know a proud dad sporting silky smooth legs and a tween whose story includes a brighter academic future because

she now thinks reading is "kinda cool."



Probably few people noticed her, but she had arrived recently because of her husband's career move. She was lonely. She was bored. She didn't know what to do with her life – until a library book gave her inspiration to try something new. She became an expert on a subject. She used KHCPL's computers and classes to learn new skills. Then came

the job that allows her to help others.

When telling her story, she starts with,

"The library saved my life."

Is KHCPL today the same as in 1885? Absolutely not. Will our story continue to unfold, allowing us to find new ways to build a stronger community?

Yes – with your help.

Create a secure future for our community by donating now.

YOUR CHAPTER

Make your tax-deductible gift today.

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Make it payable to the Community Foundation of Howard County, write "KHCPL Fund" on the memo line, and mail it to:

Community Foundation of Howard County
215 W. Sycamore St.
Kokomo, IN 46901

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Go to cfhoward.org and click on "give now."

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Contact KHCPL Director Faith Brautigam at 765.626.0807 or the Community Foundation of Howard County
at 765.454.7298 (toll-free at 800.964.0508).

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