

# Alliance Library System

recognizing those who are

## Making A Difference



2008 Award Winners

## Annual Awards 2009



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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS** **2009 Alliance Library System Awards**

*Dear ALS Members,*

*An abundance of talented staff and trustees serve Alliance Library System's one million customers daily. The ALS' Annual Awards offer a brilliant opportunity to express your appreciation for your colleagues and friends.*

*ALS presents a \$1,000 cash award to the ALS Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Basic IT and a \$500 cash award sponsored by Learning Times, LLC to the Technology Award winner. There are no restrictions on how the award dollars are used by the recipients except for the librarian of the year, which is to be used by the winner for their continued professional development in the library field, (i.e. to attend a conference or a new computer purchase!)*



2008 Award Winners

*This year, for one year only, ALS announces a new award called “**Going Green**” that will be awarded to any type of library that has gone above and beyond to make their library or community more environmentally aware.*

*To become a part of the ALS awards program, read on:*

*The nomination process is simple. First, review the awards, complete the enclosed application or fill out the form found on the Alliance website. It's very quick and easy to do. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, September 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Then, plan to attend the Alliance Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony on Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at 600 High Point Lane in East Peoria.*

*It's a great time to be working in libraries!*

*Sincerely,*

*Kitty Pope  
Executive Director  
Alliance Library System  
[kpope@alliancelibrarysystem.com](mailto:kpope@alliancelibrarysystem.com)*

## **ALS Awards**

### **LIBRARY CHAMPION AWARD**

*The Library Champion award is designed to recognize an individual that is a library booster/supporter. Possible candidates include: any individual who is not a library trustee, or employee, such as a newspaper editor, a legislator, volunteer, or a community leader. TAP Industries CEO, Tom Peters won in 2006.*

### **TECHNOLOGY AWARD, Sponsored by Learning Times, LLC**

*The Technology Award is presented to any type of library for an innovative approach to the planning and implementation of a creative program or service using technology in the library, including web design and application. A \$500 cash award, sponsored by Learning Times, LLC.*

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD**

*The Public Relations Award is presented to a library or librarian who has developed a successful public relations program in the last 18 months. This award is designated to recognize an innovative staff member or program that promotes the library and its services. The Director of the Odell Public Library District, Eric Colclasure won in 2008.*



Eric Colclasure

### **SPIRIT AWARD**

*The Spirit Award is designed to reward a staff member, trustee, or administrator at a member library or the system who actively promotes member participation in the shared governance of the library system and who demonstrates the reciprocal value of belonging to the Alliance Library System. The effervescent Dennis Danowski, Director of the Macomb Public Library District, won the Spirit Award in 2006.*

### **GOING GREEN AWARD**

*The **Going Green Award** is presented to any type of library that has gone above and beyond in their effort to make their library or community environmentally safe by conserving energy, reducing its carbon footprint, recycling and/or promoting environmental awareness. Will be awarded in 2009 only.*

### **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

*The Administrator of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding supporter and advocate of library services in the organization the administrator serves. The recipient may be a school principal, superintendent, board member, dean, agency head, or anyone in the institution serving as an administrator, other than in the library itself.*

### **YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN/PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

*The Youth Services Librarian/Program Award is presented to a youth services librarian or program that has made a lasting contribution to the field of library service to youth. This award may be given to either a public or a school librarian. In 2008, Adele Pollock, Tremont District Library's Youth Services Director was the winner of this award.*



Adele Pollock & supporters

### **ALS STAFF AWARD**

*The Staff Award is designed to recognize an ALS employee who is a leader, an innovator, and a change agent, one who models the best in library service. Candidates may include managers, supervisors, or support staff. The 2008 winner was Paul Santos, Director of Finance, Facilities and HR.*



Paul Santos & family

### **TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR**

*The Trustee of the Year Award is presented to a current public library trustee for outstanding contributions to their library or libraries in general. A commitment to community outreach and outstanding advocacy efforts will be considered in the nomination.*

### **MITBC'S BEST FRIEND AWARD**

*The Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center (MITBC) Best Friend Award was established by the Alliance Board of Directors in 2008 and is designed to recognize a library of any type, a community referring agency or an individual who actively promotes the talking book service. A commitment to community outreach and innovative promotion of the service will be considered in the nomination.*

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*The ALS Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2007 and designed to recognize the lifetime achievements of an ALS member or ALS employee. The award honors their career as a professional librarian or library worker. The recipient does not have to be retired, but must have worked in the library community for at least 10 years. Leah McCall of the Caterpillar Business Center was the winner in 2008.*



Leah McCall

### **LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR Sponsored by Basic IT**

*The Librarian of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding risk-taker, innovator, or change-agent contributing to the field of librarianship and library development. A \$1,000 cash award, sponsored by Basic IT, goes to the winner.*

### **Previous Recipients of the Librarian of the Year include:**

- 2008 Barbara Galik, Cullom-Davis Library @ Bradley University, Peoria, IL
- 2007 Mary Pasek Williams, Towanda Public Library, Towanda, IL
- 2006 John Sayers, Kewanee Public Library, Kewanee, IL
- 2005 Katie Grumbine, Henry Senachwine CUSD #5, Henry, IL
- 2004 Janice Sherman, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL



Janice Sherman



John Sayers with ALS Board Member & Kewanee PL Trustee Sue Busenbark



Mary Pasek Williams & DeAnna Belz, Towanda PL Trustee and Nominator,

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Submit nominations on the enclosed Nomination form to:

Alliance Library System  
600 High Point Lane  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
Attn: Geri Kegley

Deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009.

Or access a copy of the nomination form on the website to submit electronically at:

[www.alliancelibrarysystem.com](http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com)

## **2009 ALS AWARDS COMMITTEE**

<i>Susan Busenbark</i>	<i>Trustee at the Kewanee Public Library</i>
<i>Kevin Eckhoff</i>	<i>Trustee at the Jacksonville Public Library</i>
<i>Sue Herring</i>	<i>Trustee at the Fondulac Public Library District</i>
<i>Phyllis Self</i>	<i>Director of Libraries at Western IL University</i>
<i>Lori Bell</i>	<i>ALS Director of Innovation</i>
<i>Geri Kegley</i>	<i>ALS Executive Manager</i>
<i>Kitty Pope</i>	<i>ALS Executive Director</i>

## **QUESTIONS**

Questions should be directed to:

Geri Kegley  
[gkegley@alliancelibrarysystem.com](mailto:gkegley@alliancelibrarysystem.com)  
Phone: (309)694-9200 x 2126  
Fax: (309)694-9230

2009 Awards Nomination Form

Nomination is for the following award:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1. Library Champion Award           | 7. ALS Staff Award                       |
| 2. Technology Award (\$500 award)   | 8. Trustee of the Year                   |
| 3. Public Relations Award           | 9. Librarian of the Year (\$1,000 award) |
| 4. ALS Spirit Award                 | 10. Lifetime Achievement Award           |
| 5. Administrator of the Year        | 11. MITBC's Best Friend Award            |
| 6. Youth Services Librarian/Program | 12. <b>Going Green Award</b>             |

Name and official title of person or library nominated for the Alliance Award:

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Home library of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Library of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations must be submitted on this official entry form, and please limit nomination letter to one page. The Alliance Library System reserves the right to edit winning nominations for the purpose of publicity and for the award ceremony at the annual meeting.

Please submit **one copy** of this form along with your one-page nomination letter to the Alliance Library System, 600 High Point Lane, East Peoria, IL 61611. Attention: Geri Kegley, or by Fax: (309)694-9230 or email to [gkegley@alliancelibrarysystem.com](mailto:gkegley@alliancelibrarysystem.com)

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**2009 Awards Nomination Letter**

Please describe in one page or less why this person/program should receive the award. Use specific examples and statistics about the benefits library customers received because of this program/person.

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Nominator's Signature

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Date

