

2005 CALTAC Awards

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Once again, CALTAC has selected and honored an outstanding group of awardees during their 2005 Awards Luncheon. Read on and find out about all the wonderful people and organizations honored this year. Congratulations to all!

***Trustee, Commissioner, or System Advisory Board
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Charlene Williamson
Oceanside Public Library
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Charlene Williamson embodies the spirit of library advocacy. For thirty years she has given wholeheartedly of her time, energy, and strength of character to make the Oceanside Public Library the best it can be. Charlene has never taken reading for granted. At the age of seven she became blind and lived in darkness for two years, gradually recovering her sight. In her forties, the condition recurred, and she was declared legally blind, but new surgical procedures and medication enabled her to read again. During these difficult periods the library was her lifeline, and she realized how important books on tape and large type were to people with low vision. As a result of this experience, Charlene Williamson has been a tireless advocate and supporter of the of the Oceanside Public Library, serving as a library liaison with the community. In January of 1989, the Mayor appointed her to the Library Board of Trustees, a position she has held continuously for 16 years, rarely missing a meeting! She has held all offices on the Board of Trustees, and over the years was actively involved in planning the new Civic Center Library, developing a new Branch Library, Community Computer Center and Literacy Center, as well as participating in two library Strategic Planning processes. In addition, Ms. Williamson was convinced that the Library needed a Foundation to build an endowment for the future. Working with the Library Director she and another library worked to create the Oceanside Public Library Foundation. Charlene brings her tireless dedication and community spirit to every project.

Nominated by:
Dr. Adrienne Hakes
Library Trustee, Oceanside Public Library

Individual Making a Significant Financial In-kind Contribution to a Library or Library Program

The Friends of San Rafael Public Library

The City of San Rafael like many California cities has found itself in Financial difficulty. During the last budget cycle, the Library's fund for purchasing books was cut by \$100,000. The Friends stepped forward and committed to raise the necessary \$100,000. Now, halfway through the City's two-year budget cycle, the Friends' Book Fund has raised over \$50,000 and is on track to providing the complete amount. The Friends have organized a series of monthly book sales, film showings, and author events to generate the income to support the library. The friends of San Rafael Public Library has consistently funded many "extras" that are integral to the mission of the library: they provide materials for the Children's' programs, including the Summer reading program, the annual Day of the Dead program, Teen programs, and monthly art lectures. A partial list of what they have funded in the last two years follows: A self-checkout machines and the \$2500 licensing fee, \$3,000 for a combined copier/networked printer for the library office, \$2,000 for a barcode duplicator, CCTV for the visually impaired, and \$20,000 to pay for the Library's purchase of bestsellers through the "Booking Ahead" program.

Nominated by:
Sean Prendiville
San Rafael Library Board of Trustees

Librarian For Outstanding Work With a Board of Library Trustees or Commission

Judith Auth

Judith Auth sees the library, its collections and programs, as a mirror of the community. To this end, she has supported the Library's Adult Literacy program for 16 years and encouraged the expansion of the non-English language collections at the Riverside Public Library, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean. She started an endowed collection on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black history and partnered with the Islamic Center to add fifty new volumes on Islam to the Library's collections. She is a frequent public speaker promoting the library and librarianship. She has designed and implemented a seamless library career development from library page to full librarian with salary increases and tuition reimbursement at every level. Judith was named *Outstanding Non-Profit Board Member* by the Agency Executives Association, and was honored as a *Woman of Achievement* by both the Riverside County YWCA and the Black Voice Foundation. On her personal time, she led the campaign for Measure C to Renew the Library, which passed by an unprecedented 69% yes vote. The Riverside Raincross Club recognized this important accomplishment with their 2002 Annual Leadership Award. With the passage of Measure C, the library expanded its hours and opened the Main Library seven days a week. It also committed to building "Three Libraries in Three Years." The Casa Blanca Family Learning Center opened in March 2003, the ELC this summer, and the new "green" Orange Terrace Library will break ground in October, and surpassing expectations, the restoration of the National Register listed Arlington Library will take place this winter. Her stellar career is exemplary. She brings a rare combination of love of knowledge, books and literature with superior administrative skills and an empathy with the administration and citizens of the City, and with the Library Board with whom she constantly works.

Nominated by:
Nancy Melendez
on behalf of the
Riverside Public Library Board of Trustees

Newspaper, Radio Stations, or Television Channel for outstanding media coverage or special services to libraries

The Daily Democrat Woodland

The Library Board of Trustees of Woodland Public Library is highly appreciative of *The Daily Democrat*. In the city of 55,000 people, there are literally hundreds of organizations and institutions vying for space in the newspaper. Between August 2004 and mid-September 2005, 63 articles about the library and/or its activities have appeared in the newspaper. These articles were accompanied by 35 photographs or other illustrations, 24 of which were in color. Nine of these illustrations were placed on page one of *The Daily Democrat*. Two special sections were produced by the newspaper which featured a full front-page drawing or painting of the library. Finally, the editor of the newspaper discussed the library in five of his own columns during the year. The subject matter in these news articles covered a wide range: Friends of the Library book sales, teen reading club activities, biographies of library users, author programs, story times, volunteer landscaping of the library courtyard, parenting/literacy classes, puppet shows, the library building's centennial, AmeriCorps volunteers in the library, Valentine's Day programs, "year of the Library" ceremony at City Hall, National Library Week,

concerts, poetry readings, bilingual poetry program, high school students use of the library, bequest to the library of \$12,000, Volunteer Recognition Tea, library renovations, summer reading club and more. This was a critical year for the library, starting with the hiring of a new

Director of Library Services. It was The Daily Democrat that introduced Paul Miller to the community and his introduction was only the first of several revitalizing changes to come. The Daily Democrat has long been a friend of the Woodland Public Library. The editor, Jim Smith, has been an active contributor to the children's reading program. Although there has been generous coverage of library events in the past, this year has been exceptional. Timely news articles in critical moments have served the library and the community.

Nominated by:
Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

Elected Local, State Or Federal Official from California for special support or promotion of legislation to benefit libraries and/or library services

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk
California State Assembly, 8th District

In 1989, Lois Wolk was introduced to politics when she co-chaired the successful Measure B campaign, which expanded the Davis Public Library. In March 2006, the Library Bond Act of 2006 will appear on the statewide ballot. We have Assemblywoman Wolk to thank for her co-sponsorship of SB1161, the Bond Act that authorized \$600 million in funding for public library construction. Quoting Assemblywoman Wolk, "This will provide the monies necessary to fund those who applied for grants in 2000 but were denied due to insufficient funds..." Impressive among her positive efforts to benefit California libraries was her recent appointment to serve on the California public Library Construction and Renovation Board, an appointment by Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez. In that capacity, Lois will be involved in making grant award decisions. We can assess by the range and depth of awards that Assemblywoman Wolk has received that she was not only named on of the "Freshman Elite" for her high standing among first term legislators by the California Journal publication, but was also awarded the "Golden Pedigree" for her integrity, trustworthiness, and personal ethics, in August 2004. The California Library community is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and passionate library supporter in Sacramento.

Nominated by:
Diji Christian,
Vallejo

Individual for Outstanding or Volunteer Service to a Library

Alice LaMar
Palos Verdes Library

Alice has been a volunteer with the Palos Verdes Library for many years, and has given over 5,200 hours of work. She has also served as President of the Friends of the Library, and as chairman of very successful book sales at both the Malaga Cove and Peninsular Center libraries. Alice is a leader and an innovator. It was she who had the idea to obtain Historical Site designation for the Malaga Cove library. She researched the procedures to do this, and personally shepherded the process from start to successful conclusion. Since 1995, under Ms. LaMar's Chairmanship, Palos Verdes Library District has had a monthly used book sale. Alice organized a large empty room on the parking level so that patrons can easily find the used books they seek. She recruited volunteers to take ownership of a specific section of the books, and take pride in the attractiveness of each area. The sale now raises over \$9,000 each month for the District. In addition, the Friends took every opportunity to remind residents of the need for book donations, resulting in larger and better collections for each sale. When room was found at the Malaga Cove branch for sorting and storage, a second monthly sale was begun, which now raises \$4,000 a month. The total raised so far has been over \$1,000,000. Alice's dedication has brought results.

Nominated by:
Theodore Paulson
Palos Verdes Library District Board of Trustees