

2006 CALTAC Awards

Kathryn Endo Roberts
Torrance Public Library
Torrance, CA

Trustee, Commissioner or System advisory board Member for outstanding service to a local library or system.

Mary Stephens
Yolo County Librarian

Librarian for outstanding work with a Board of Trustees or Commission.

Bill Marshak
Publisher and Editor-in-Chief
of the Tri-City Voice newspaper

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

**Friends of the Mendocino County
Coast Community Library**
Ukiah, CA

Business, Community Organization, or Individual making a significant financial or in-kind contribution to a library or library program.

Kathy Hicks
Mayor of Walnut Creek

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

Marilyn and Carl Baker-Madsen
Hayward Public Library

Individual for outstanding or volunteer service to a library.

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
Member for Outstanding Service to the Local Library or System***

Kathryn Endo Roberts
Torrance Public Library
Torrance, CA

Since 1996, Kathryn Endo Roberts has served as a commissioner on the Torrance Library Commission. Although her ten-year tenure is impressive, her actions as a commissioner are even more impressive. While Chair of her Commission this year (and not the first time for her as Commission Chair), Ms. Roberts has accomplished the following:

- Within the last 2 ½ years, five new commissioners have been appointed. Ms. Roberts scheduled and attended two CALTAC Board Effectiveness Training sessions so all commissioners could attend.
- Based on input from Ms. Roberts, the annual Joint Torrance City Council and Library Commission meeting was revitalized and turned into a dynamic information exchange. Subsequently, the Library joined with Parks and Recreation into a larger Community Services Department.

Also, Ms. Roberts' advocacy activities have been many and varied. She is a regular participant at Legislative Day in Sacramento; she assisted in preparing the first Proposition 14 grant in 2002; and assisted on a grant to purchase adaptive technology for senior library users.

As is stated in one of the letters of recommendation, "I consider Kathryn an exceptional mentor and colleague whose actions speak louder than words".

**Nominated by:
Torrance Public Library Commission, Torrance, CA**

Librarian for outstanding work with a Board of Trustees or Commission

**Mary Stephens
Yolo County Librarian**

Mary Stephens has been the Yolo County Librarian for 37 years! In addition to keeping her Library Board members educated and informed on local issues as well as providing the tools necessary for board members to advocate effectively on national, state and local levels, Ms. Stephens' accomplishments include:

- Helped establish a Yolo County Archives, a project that involved several community groups, multiple grant applications and several fund-raising efforts in the community.
- In 1993, she managed the \$6 million Davis Branch Expansion Project, which entailed putting a bond measure on the ballot, developing a lease for the site, obtaining state grant funds and coordinating the efforts of numerous organizations that were part of the project.
- Administered the \$1 million County Library Central Services and Records Facility Project, an effort that included volunteer organizations, donated labor and a special master financing agreement with a bank.
- In 2001, Ms. Stephens was recognized as one of six local women who "put their stamp on Yolo County" at the 12th annual Women's History Month Luncheon.

As stated in one of her nomination support letters, "Mary is a community icon. She has the ability to bring dispirit groups to constructive interaction rather than territorial adversity.

**Nominated by:
Sharon Hallberg
Past Chair of Yolo County Library Advisory Board**

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

**Bill Marshak
Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the Tri-City Voice newspaper**

Bill Marshak is the publisher and editor-in-chief of the Tri-City Voice, a weekly newspaper serving Fremont, Newark and Union City which are areas included in the Alameda County Library system. Among Mr. Marshak's many contributions to libraries are:

- Creation of a monthly column written by Fremont Main Library staff to highlight various library services as well as to introduce a "database of the month".
- Staff from Fremont Main has been provided extra copies of back issues of the newspaper to distribute at community events.
- Following the publication of each of the columns, usage statistics for the featured database have at least doubled.
- Thus, he provides information that might not otherwise be easily available to the communities served by his newspaper to those who might not be aware of what today's public library has to offer the community.
- Mr. Marshak has been instrumental in aiding the Fremont Main Library and the other branches of the Alameda County library system in getting the word out that it IS NOT all on the Internet.

As stated in one of his nomination support letters, "He [Bill] truly extends the outreach of the public library to the

community, promoting an educated populace and life-long learning."

**Nominated by:
Jean Hofacket
Alameda County Library, Fremont, CA**

Business, Community Organization, or Individual making a significant financial or in-kind contribution to a library or library program.

**Friends of the Mendocino County Coast Community Library
Ukiah, CA**

The Friends of the Coast Community Library (FOCCL)

Has done much for its community and library for the past 15 years;

- In the past year and a half, they have completed most of the work for Coast Community Library's new home. This library is a branch of the Mendocino County Library but no government funds went into the renovation of the library. The renovation funding was entirely by donations and Friends' members' extensive hours of manual labor.
- This library is now a 5,000 square foot public library that is more than six times the size of its previous quarters. There is also an 800 square foot work/storage room in the new facility - itself larger than the old library!
- Exhibited persistence and patience in pursuing their goal to provide their patrons with full library services while supporting the tiny and outgrown library.
- In virtually every aspect of library operations, the FOCCL has been there when most needed.

The FOCCL has never wavered from its mission statement which aims to "enrich the life of the local community through learning, information services, lifelong education and the exchange of ideas." As stated in support documentation, "...with wisdom and sound judgment, not to mention a sense of humor, FOCCL continues to fulfill this mission."

**Nominated by Eugene Lewis
President of the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board**

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

**Kathy Hicks
Mayor of Walnut Creek**

- Ms. Hicks' passion for libraries led her to use her own personal time to talk to as many residents of Walnut Creek as possible in order to build a new library.
- In her pursuit of a new library, Ms. Hicks served on the Task Force to study Walnut Creek's library facilities and subsequent architect selection committees.
- She now serves on the Library Advisory Team for the new library.
- Ms. Hicks advocated for buying additional hours of service at the Ygnacio Valley and Walnut Creek branches at a time when funding for library services was in jeopardy.
- Ms. Hicks played a major role in the passage of Measure Q, the Walnut Creek library parcel tax which has increased library service from 32 hours per week to 56 hours per week.
- Throughout her tenure of twelve years as a member of the Walnut Creek City Council, Ms. Hicks has made libraries a priority. She campaigned for local and county-wide measures on behalf of the library. She is a veteran of over six library campaigns.

As Kathy Hicks has stated, "We're a Tiffany's town with a five and dime library." Thanks to Ms. Hicks, that old, small

library in Walnut Creek will soon be in memory only.

**Nominated by Deborah Burstyn
Walnut Creek Library Commission.**

Individual for outstanding or volunteer service to a library.

Marilyn and Carl Baker-Madsen, Hayward Public Library

- Although Ms. Baker-Madsen was the Hayward Public Library Director for many years, she gave much additional time to the library through things such as founding the Literacy Plus Council and continuing to be on the board following her retirement.
- Meanwhile, Mr. Baker-Madsen, while working for the City of Hayward volunteered his time and now, since his retirement services on the Friends of the Library Board.
- When both Mr. and Mrs. Baker-Madsen retired from the City, the money raised from their retirement party was donated back to the library through the Friends of the Hayward Public Library as well as another charity they designated.
- Not only did Mr. Baker-Madsen rent a truck and round up his sons and sons-in-law to move hundreds of boxes of books, he is now the Friends' "superhero" for making trips to and from the storage facility. He also designed the new Friends' membership brochure and put his graphic arts skill to work editing the Friends' newsletter so that we have a professional looking document.

As a letter in support of their nomination stated, "Carl and Marilyn are tireless supporters of the library at both community and library functions. They epitomize the volunteer credo, and are treasures that the Hayward Public Library cannot live without."

**Nominated by Alison Lewis
Retired commissioner of the Hayward Public Library.**