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STATE LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT

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The Florida Library Association (FLA) announces its 2015 legislative awards for support of Florida's libraries. With these awards, the Florida library community thanks legislators and state leaders who took action to support libraries and library funding in the 2015 Florida legislature.

By honoring these leaders, FLA encourages local library supporters to recognize the hard work done by their leaders in maintaining state funding for public libraries.

State leaders who are recognized as Advocates for Libraries:

- **First Lady Ann Scott**
- **Sen. Jack Latvala**
- **Sen. Tom Lee**
- **Rep. Richard Corcoran**
- **Rep. Clay Ingram**

In addition the Florida Library Association also presents the Outstanding Florida Library Advocacy. This award is for an individual or group that actively advocates for libraries. The 2015 winners are the 7 Marion County Friends Groups, for their tireless work on behalf of the Marion County Public Library System.

- **Friends of the Ocala Public Library**
- **Friends of the Belleview Public Library**
- **Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**
- **Friends of the Forest Public Library**
- **Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library**
- **Friends of Freedom Public Library**
- **Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library**

We extend our thanks to all legislators, groups and individuals who advocated for libraries in 2015. The Florida Library Association is a non-profit organization of libraries, library staff and those who support libraries with more than 1,000 members across the state.

FLA advocates for excellence in all types of library service throughout Florida. FLA also develops the skills of librarians and support staff and works closely with the information industry.

More information about the Florida Library Association and its advocacy efforts is available online at <http://www.flalib.org/advocacy.php>