Congratulations to the Florida Library Association 2015 Award Winners

PRESENTED MARCH 1 AND MARCH 3, AT THE 2016 FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA



Excellence in Marketing and Public Relations Palm Beach County Library System





Libraries Mean Business Palm Beach County Library System





Library Web Presence Broward County Libraries Division





Exemplary Instructional Programs or Services Palm Beach County Library System





Library Research

Doris J. Van Kampen-Breit of Saint Leo University and Rachel Cooke of Florida Gulf Coast University

Doris J. Van Kampen-Breit of Saint Leo University and Rachel Cooke of Florida Gulf Coast University are the recipients of the Library Research award for their collaborative research and resulting journal article. Doris J. Van Kampen-Breit and Rachel Cooke explored the decline of the use of traditional, face-to-face reference services in academic libraries in favor of increasing use of online services. By using the Undergraduate Multidimensional Library Anxiety Scale (UMLAS), they discovered the reasons most respondents entered the library, their preferences for face-to-face or online library assistance, and their perceptions of library staff and service. The results of their research were published in *Library Leadership & Management* in 2015 and disseminated at several conferences, including FLA in 2014 and the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy in 2015.



Library Innovation Broward County Libraries Division





Maria Chavez Hernandez "Libraries Change People's Lives" Palm Beach County Library System





Outstanding Paraprofessional Janet Devries, Palm Beach State College Harold C. Manor Library

Janet DeVries of the Palm Beach State College Harold C. Manor Library is the recipient of the Outstanding Paraprofessional award. Ms. DeVries uses creativity, collaboration, and connectivity to promote the archives, exhibits and programs at Palm Beach State College Library. Her digitization and marketing efforts of the college archives resulted in improved preservation and increased access and use. Her energy and vision for exhibit design, partnering, and programming resulted in campus-wide participation in library exhibitions and programs. Ms. DeVries researches, designs, and markets the library with programming such as "The Roots of Jazz and Blues" for Black History Month, and "Savor the Flavor: A Taste of Latino Cuisine" for Hispanic Heritage Month. She developed a call for entries for a "Savor the Flavor" cookbook, which she designed and published in print and online.

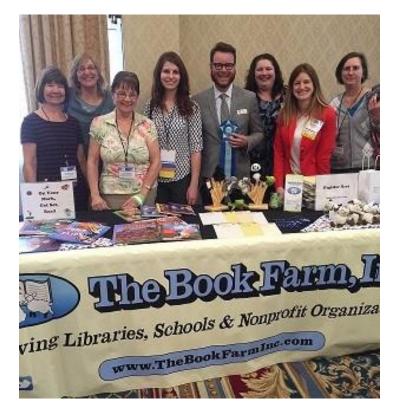


Outstanding New Librarian Sarah Burris, Northwest Regional Library System





Best Booth: The Book Farm, Inc.





Betty Davis Miller Youth Services- Children Sensory Storytimes, Alachua County Library District





Betty Davis Miller Youth Services- Teens Manatee County Public Library System





Friends, Foundations & Boards Outstanding Member Doris Pope, Rocky Bluff Library, Manatee County Public Library System





FLA Leader of the Year Caroline Reed, Jane Bancroft Cook Library, New College of Florida





Library of the Year Manatee County Public Library System





Lifetime Achievement Kevin Beach, Manatee County Public Library System





Librarian of the Year David Mather, Gulfport Public Library





Congratulations to all of our award-winners!



The Florida Library Association recognizes excellence in library service.

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