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
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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