



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 14, 2014

PRESENT: LouAnne Lundgren, Daniel Curtis, Brian Hartson, Marie Stasiak,
Tim Burke, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: Richard Naylor, Mary Muller

3:00 PM – Meeting called to order by L. Lundgren, Chair

I. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Committee members reviewed the 3 nominations received for the Volunteer of the Year Award: Donna Gwin (BERN), **Berneata Barger (COLN)**, and Kevin McCann (EGRN). Committee members were impressed with the quality of all of the nominations and the work accomplished by all of the nominees. Consensus that the Award should be presented to Berneata Barger. The nomination was very complete and contained excellent documentation and supporting information.

II. PROGRAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS - Rural libraries

There were two nominations in the rural library category: **“Create Your Skate” (ALTM)** and “Electronics: How it Works to Works of Art” (BERN). Extensive discussion and then consensus to present the Award to the Altamont Library. The program created new partnerships in the community, was well publicized, offered a community service, and built on the framework of an Outreach mini-grant.

III. PROGRAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS - Urban/suburban libraries

There were 5 nominations in this category: **“Girls Got Game” (APLM)**; “Homework Helpers” (COLN); “Anti-Bullying” (EGRN); “Local Author Book Fair” (GUIL) and “Troy Author Day” (TROY). There was a lengthy discussion of the nominations and Committee members agreed that it would be a difficult decision. The majority decision was to present the Award to APLM. The program was very relevant to the community, reached an under-served constituency and was expandable.

D. Curtis created a chart that he used in grading the nominations and he will share this with the UHLS staff and the committee members for possible use as a template in revising the Guidelines. There was further discussion regarding changes in the Guidelines. T. Burke noted that the Directors Association has suggested different categories - instead of rural and urban/suburban, the categories might be Youth Services and Adult Services. Committee members agreed that further review of the Guidelines was necessary.

H. Fuge suggested that when the Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting, the names of all of the nominees could be read prior to announcing the Award winner. Noting all of the nominees would be an acknowledgment of their work and dedication to their libraries.

Heidi A. Fuge
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