

2007 Trustee Success Story Recognition Awards

These awards annually highlight efforts by library trustees that resulted in positive outcomes for their library. The award consists of \$200 to the trustee's library and a certificate of recognition for the trustee.

Columbia County

Matthew D. Perry, Philmont Public Library



Since joining the board Matthew has demonstrated a high level of commitment and energy to ensuring that the library is an integral part of the community.

- Management of Philmont.org, a community web site that includes the library's web site
- Active participant, representing the library in town venues: the local Zoning Board of Appeals, the town Signage Committee and the Main Street Committee
- Writing press releases and articles about the library for the town website and in newspapers

Dutchess County

Carol A. Decker, NorthEast-Millerton Library

Carol's long-term commitment to the library has seen the library through much proactive growth:

- Extensive renovation of the building and grounds, including a handicapped accessible entrance and restroom.
- Creative fundraising ideas including "The Recognition Bookcase," with engraved book spines to recognize significant donors
- Stepping up to serve as first the treasurer for several years and then the president of the board for multiple terms.

Greene County

Fran Monahan, Cairo Public Library



Fran's involvement in the library begins at the beginning. She was part of the organization that began the library! She has served as secretary, vice-president and president over the years and has helped solidify the operations of this growing library:

- Core author of the library's mission statement;
- Instrumental in revising the library's policy and procedures manual;
- Supportive of continuing education for library staff

Putnam County

Alice Walsh, Mahopac Library



Alice's dedication and commitment has helped to redefine the physical structure, internal policies and public perception of the Mahopac Library.

- Chair of the Advancement and Public Relations Committee;
- Produced a 7-minute DVD to promote the library in the community
- Developed an orientation presentation for new trustees
- Coordinated a "get out the vote" campaign for the library's re-vote
- Spearheaded a 2-year capital campaign, raising over \$700,000

Ulster County

Albert Ahlstrom, trustee emeritus, Kingston Library



Al served as president of the board from 2002-2006. Among his many accomplishments:

- Instrumental in the re-chartering of the library to a special district public library to help stabilize the library's funding;
- Negotiated the transfer of ownership of the library building;
- Leader in the passage of a \$1,000,000 bond issue for capital improvements
- Worked to bring pay equity to library staff by initiating a comparative wage study
- Continues to serve the library as president of the Friends Group