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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

(Belcamp, Maryland – November 13, 2015) Harford County Public Library awarded the prestigious *Roenna Fahrney Recognition Award* at their recent annual Staff In-Service Day event.

The Individual Award went to three employees. Bethany Vangrin was recognized for her "Acts of Kindness" demonstrated through her exceptional community outreach efforts and innovative programs; Keith Niederberger was recognized for his contributions on projects that have significantly improved computer access for staff and customers; and Michele Louderback was recognized for her leadership of and commitment to the Library's volunteer program. The Team Award was presented to the Innovation Lab Implementation Team for their successful creation and launch of the digital media Innovation Lab, bringing a whole new customer experience to Harford County. The team consisted of Sue Asselin, Kathy Cogar, Nina Depkin, Annette Gaskins, Mark Gregory, Cindy Height, Wayne Kyle, Janine Lis, Del McMillan, Lisa Mittman, Daria Parry, Rodney Sadler, and Joseph Thompson.

The Roenna Fahrney Recognition Award was established in 1994 by the Library Board of Trustees. This award is presented to an individual or team, nominated by peers, who embody the "service to the community" spirit demonstrated by Ms. Fahrney throughout her 21 years of service to the citizens of Harford County. As Library Director from 1957 to 1978, Ms. Fahrney kept the Library in the forefront of

new technology, new resources, and new ideas. And she led an ambitious building program that brought service to all areas of the county.

Ms. Fahrney's "service to the community" philosophy continues today by demonstrating excellence in external or internal customer service that significantly contributes to the Library's mission, either for consistent superior performance or for an outstanding project or endeavor; making a significant contribution to the improvement of Library service; identifying and implementing a more economical or efficient use of staff or resources; developing an innovative idea that significantly contributes to the Library's mission; or bringing recognition to the Library or the community.

Library staff who received a milestone service award or attained an educational achievement were also recognized.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Staff members, recognized for their achievements, pose for a group shot at the Library's annual Staff In-Service Day.