

Yates Wins Second Trustee Award

“An extraordinary man is an apt description of Larry Yates, Chairman of Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees.” This description by fellow Trustee, Brenda Johnson, set the stage for Mr. Yates to become the recipient of the 2009 Virginia Library Association Trustee Library Award. Instead of just wishing the community had a new library for the children and adults, instead of just wishing the kids didn’t have to cross a busy highway to get to the library, Larry did something about the problem. His dedication and leadership motivated the entire community to get involved as they worked together to build a new library.



Larry D. Yates, Virginia Library Association Trustee Library Award, 2009

His goal to provide a safe and large library for his community was realized with the opening of the newly relocated Haysi Community Library in May 2008.

Larry is a selfless volunteer who is devoted to his community and to the region. And in recognition of his leadership, Lisa Lee Broughman, Chair, VLA Awards and Recognition Committee announced, “Mr. Yates has done a wonderful service to the Lonesome Pine Regional Library and everyone on the committee agreed that he clearly deserved the receipt of this award.”

Larry Yates is indeed the prototype of a public service, and we are pleased to announce that he was presented the Virginia Library Association Trustee Library Award at the Association’s annual conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, October 30, 2009. Preceding this award, Mr. Yates was named the Virginia Public Library Director’s Association Outstanding Library Trustee, 2009. In honor of this second award, we offer heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Larry Yates—you have served us well!

LPRL Selected for Virginia Association of Museums “Circuit Riders” Pilot Project

Lonesome Pine Regional Library has been selected to participate in a statewide pilot project designed to help improve care of collections for museums, libraries and archives. LPRL was one of only ten institutions in Virginia selected to participate in this project, sponsored by the Virginia Association of Museums, the Library of Virginia, and the Department of Historic Resources, and free to participating institutions.

The program is funded by a “Connecting to Collections” statewide planning grant awarded to the Virginia Association of Museums by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Designed to help small museums and libraries across Virginia improve collections care, the pilot project involved an on-site visit to C. Bascom Slemple Memorial Library by an assessment team of museum and library professionals who toured the institution and collections. The team examined special collections of about 700 books from C. Bascom Slemple’s personal library, uncataloged

sheet music and recordings, and a range of genealogical materials. Following the visit, the assessment team sent a report recommending steps the institution can take to help improve collections care over the next two years, with suggested resources to help accomplish them. Library administrators look forward to implementing opportunities to showcase and promote LPRL special collections.



Special Collection of C. Bascom Slemple’s Personal Library housed in Big Stone Gap library

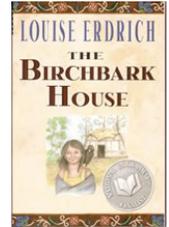
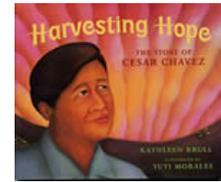
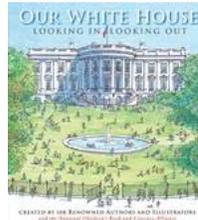
Start Here—Go Anywhere!

We the People “Picturing America” Bookshelf

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce that eight of our nine libraries are recipients of the 2009 National Endowment of the Humanities We the People “Picturing America” Bookshelf. Instead of paint, marble, silver, or glass, words are the media used to portray significant themes in American history and culture.

Readers are invited to steer their way across the continent by river with Lewis and Clark in 1802, travel the railroad with Robert Louis Stevenson in 1879, or drive along the open highways with John Steinbeck and his dog Charley in 1960. Through the life and poetry of Walt Whitman emerge powerful images of the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln; through the life and lens of Dorothea Lange we witness the impersonal forces and human faces of the Depression.

Our eight recipients received a collection of seventeen classic hardcover books for young readers, all on the “Picturing America” theme. In addition, libraries



received three of these books in Spanish translation, two “Books for Readers of All Ages,” and materials for programming, including sets of bookplates, bookmarks, and posters.

It's Nice to Have Friends

The Friends of the Library groups are organizations made up of our greatest supporters. They are people who visit their library frequently. They may have children who use the library for school projects and homework. Maybe they benefit from the library’s resources, enjoy free classes and programs, or take advantage of our services for seniors. And, they all have one thing in common – they believe in the importance of Lonesome Pine Regional Library!

Among their many activities, our Friends groups help generate support, share awareness of our mission, and provide funds for special items and events. For example, the Friends of the Haysi Community brought the “Looking at Lincoln Exhibit” to the Haysi community. In addition, the Haysi Friends sponsored an inch worm fundraiser to purchase a big screen television.

The Scott County Friends recently donated used book sale funds in the amount of \$1,000 to the Gate City library for new books. And, the Friends of the C. Bascom Slemple Memorial Library have begun an online book sale through half.com to benefit the branch in Big Stone Gap. Operating as slemp_friends1, the group currently has 145 books for sale with proceeds going toward programming events.

The Friends of the J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library are very active in St. Paul—they even dust books and clean shelves! This group is busy conducting their annual Christmas tree give away fundraiser. In addition to providing programming refreshments, the St. Paul Friends recently donated \$500 for book purchases and regularly contribute prizes for each Summer Reading session.



The Friends of Lee County Libraries just completed their annual book sale and are offering “Book Lover’s Calendars” for sale to the community. This group enjoys assisting with programming efforts, is working on a landscaping initiative, and recently purchased a popcorn machine for the library.

You might be asking yourself, “How can I help? Feel free to contact your local library to inquire about becoming a member or about volunteering for a book sale or other fundraiser. Help the Friends as they support your own community!

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