



## New York Library Association

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### **New York Library Association Bestows Awards at 2011 Annual Conference**

Guilderland, NY (October 25, 2011) The New York Library Association will honor several individuals and organizations for their support, leadership and advocacy of libraries and intellectual freedom at its 118th Annual Conference and Trade Show, November 2-5th in Saratoga Springs, NY. The awards will be presented at the Inaugural Celebration and Awards Banquet, Thursday, November 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Saratoga Hilton. The following individuals and organizations will be receiving awards:

The NYLA *Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award* will be presented to **Libby Post**, President of Communication Services, NYC Council Speaker **Christine C. Quinn**, and NYC Council Members **Jimmy Van Bramer**, and **Domenic J. Recchia**. Post has worked with dozens of libraries to effectively position themselves in their communities for successful votes and enhanced community support. Speaker Quinn and Council Members Van Bramer and Recchia fought vigorously on behalf of city libraries and prevented harsh budget cuts that would have resulted in dramatic reductions in library hours, programs and even staff.

The NYLA *Outstanding Services to Libraries Award* will be presented to **Andrew P. Jackson**, Executive Director of the Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center of the Queens Public Library. Jackson's work has helped to move forward numerous projects and programs aimed at increasing awareness of and access to libraries among African American and Latino populations.

The NYLA/*SirsiDynix Intellectual Freedom Award* is being presented to the **American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression** (ABFFE). ABFFE has taken an active role in the protection of free speech and providing tools to help booksellers better understand the importance of free expression.

Lastly, the *Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award* will be presented to **Thomas W. Galante**, Director of the Queens Public Library. Galante's leadership over the past eight years has led to significant improvements and recognition for the Queens Public Library, including the most recent achievement of creating the Children's Library Discover Center at the Queens Central Library. This unique learning environment emphasizes science, technology, engineering and math and integrates museum quality exhibits and children's library services.

To attend and show your support of these dynamic individuals and organizations, contact NYLA at 518-432-6952, ext. 104 or [membership@nyla.org](mailto:membership@nyla.org)

