

A report to the Executive Board
of the
IDAHO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
from the
Scholarships, Recruitment and Awards Committee
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The Scholarships, Recruitment and Awards Committee is pleased to recognize the 2006 recipients of the following scholarships and awards. Two scholarships will be presented at the October 5 awards banquet in Moscow.

Shirley Hansen, one of two applicants, will receive the 2006 ILA Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Shirley started her library career in Circulation at the Yakima Valley Community College Library in Yakima, Washington, six and a half years ago. Last year she was hired by the Idaho Commission for Libraries where she is currently a Support Services Supervisor and has completed 18 credits towards her MLIS through long distance learning from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. She is described as "an exceptional employee who has distinguished herself with her passion and enthusiasm for libraries," a person who "is interested in the internal workings of a library, the external influences on library services, and the philosophical principles of intellectual freedom," and who "is committed and motivated to succeed."

Anna-Lise K. Smith, one of two applicants, has been selected to receive the fifth annual [2006] Gardner Hanks Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She lives in Chubbuck and is employed at the ISU Eli M. Oboler Library Reference Department while pursuing an MLIS degree, through distance learning, from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Anna-Lise has completed three semesters and is planning to enroll in three courses for the spring semester: Basic Print and Electronic Information Sources, Repackaging Information and Collection Development. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

In addition to her school and work responsibilities, Anna-Lise co-presented with Jenny Lynne Semenza from ISU, an hour long seminar on the use of blogs in libraries at the 2005 ILA conference in Pocatello. In the Spring 2006 issue of the Eli M. Oboler newsletter, *Between the Lines*, she published an article entitled "On Collecting Usage Statistics from Database Vendors." Currently, she is planning and preparing a discussion group and several displays to raise awareness of the issues surrounding censorship in the United States as part of Banned Books Week. One of her professors wrote, "Anna-Lise possesses the qualities that Gardner Hanks would have looked for in a "great" librarian: intelligence, leadership, professionalism, and vision."

In addition to receiving this scholarship, Anna-Lise's name will be added to the Gardner Hanks memorial plaque that is on permanent display at the Idaho State Library.

Awards for outstanding contributions to the Idaho library community have been recommended for: Maxine Bell and Scott Bedke, Legislators of the Year, Luise House, Librarian Of The Year (Mountain Home Library Director); and Marlene Earnest and the Vallivue School District #139, Idaho School Library Media Program of the Year. No nominations were received for Friend, Trustee, or Special Services to Libraries.

In addition to an announcement of these awards at the October 5 banquet, arrangements have been made for each recipient to be presented with an elegant smoked-glass award engraved with silver lettering.

As in previous years, the Scholarships, Recruitment & Awards Committee has been comprised of four members. In addition to myself, they are Jeanne Farnworth, Mary Nate and Susan Marple. It has been our pleasure to serve in this capacity and we thank the Idaho Library Association for honoring deserving people who contribute to the effectiveness of our statewide library system.

Respectfully submitted,

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