

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 2004 recipients of the following scholarships and awards. Two scholarships will be presented at the October 7 awards banquet in Boise.

Becky Hadley, the single applicant, will receive the 2004 ILA Scholarship in the amount of \$360. Becky has worked for the Marshall Public Library in Pocatello for five years during which time she has “demonstrated her willingness to learn more about the library field and has increasingly developed her leadership role among the staff.” She is described as a “young librarian who approaches her career choice with thoughtfulness, humor, patience and great intelligence; an individual who could become “one of the bright stars in the Idaho library community.” Becky now serves as chair of her library’s Disaster Preparedness Committee and will use the scholarship to attend the pre-conference presentation, “Exercising Your Disaster Plans,” at the October 2004 ILA Fall Conference in Boise. Her library director plans to use Becky’s knowledge in “presenting a joint program on library security at the ILA regional meeting” being held in Pocatello in the spring of 2005.

Tony Hurst, the single applicant, has been selected to receive the third annual [2004] Gardner Hanks Scholarship. Tony lives in Boise and is pursuing a MLIS degree, through distance learning, from the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, where he is currently enrolled in three courses, including: the Public Library; Information Marketing; and, Library Materials for Children. He plans to complete his degree requirements in August 2005.

Tony served two years in Chongqing, China with the Peace Corps teaching English classes, accepted a position as programs assistant with the Garden City Library (Garden City, ID) from April 2003 to May 2004, and is now employed by the Ada Community Library as a children’s librarian at the Star Branch (Star, ID). Tony is described as “a thoughtful person and a problem solver” who has made “quite an impact during his employment...on the youth services/outreach department...on the library in general and the parents and children he serves.” “His dedication, enthusiasm, creativity, initiative, and interest in learning new things and in mastering various skills are all” said to be some of his “positive attributes.”

In addition to receiving this scholarship, Tony’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: Sylva Staab, Friend Of The Year (Moscow – Latah County Library District); Idaho Senator Dean L. Cameron (Rupert – District 26 / Jerome & Minidoka Counties), Legislator Of The Year; Tamra Hawley-House, Librarian Of The Year (Boise – Ada Community Library); Peggy McClendon, Special Services To Libraries award (Boise – Idaho State Library); and Robine Singleton, Trustee Of The Year (St. Anthony – Fremont County District Library).

In addition to an announcement of these awards at the October 7 banquet, arrangements have been made for each recipient to be presented with an elegant smoked-glass award engraved with silver lettering.

As in 2003 and 2004, the Scholarships, Recruitment & Awards Committee has been comprised of four members. In addition to myself, they are Velta Ashbrook, Diane Newcomer and Gloria Ray. 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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