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Awards Committee Report
MPLA
Sept. 15, 2015

The winners of this year's awards have been announced. If you missed it, they are:

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: Jean Hatfield, Branch Manager of the Alford Branch of the Wichita (Kansas) Public Library.

MPLA Unsung Hero Award: Jean Whitehorse, New Mexico State Library Crownpoint Outreach Center.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award: Cherise Mead, Mesa (Arizona) Public Library.

The Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: Wayne Hanway, Executive Director, Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award: Craig Johnson, of Ucross, Wyoming, author of the Longmire mystery series.

I have been working with Megan Herold, the Wyoming awards person. The banquet is Sept. 24th. All of our winners, except one, are coming along with guests. Craig Johnson will also have a table for books and signing. We will go first in the evening's festivities.

Mary Ann Thompson
Awards Committee Chair