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Fremont Area District Library Earns 2023 State Librarian's Excellence Award

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LANSING – Fremont Area District Library is the recipient of the 2023 State Excellence Award for superior customer service, the Library of Michigan announced today.

“The creativity and responsiveness of Michigan’s libraries continue to be amazing,” said State Librarian Randy Riley. “Finding new and better ways to meet community needs remains a clear priority for libraries across the state. Fremont Area District Library has made listening to its community a central part of their operations.”

Riley will officially present the annual award, which includes \$3,000 in privately donated funds, Wednesday, October 18 at the Michigan Library Awards event during the Michigan Library Association's annual conference in Kalamazoo.

"The staff and board of the Fremont Area District Library are both excited and humbled to receive this award and all it represents," said Jackilyn Roseberry, Director of the Fremont Area District Library. "For a library, there is no higher honor than to be recognized for our commitment to serving our community. Thank you to the Library of Michigan and the selection panel for validating our efforts and inspiring us to continue to be worthy of this designation."

The selection committee, comprised of representatives from public, school, academic, and special libraries, was impressed with the amount of work that the Fremont Area District Library accomplished in challenging times. State Librarian's Excellence Award evaluation factors include demonstrating that the library provides superior service to its customers and community through library programs and staff interactions with customers and the service community.

“The selection committee focused on Fremont’s commitment to customer service and track record of finding a variety of ways to connect with the community,” Riley stated. “The library’s genuine desire to ‘have something for everyone’ is obvious in the variety of programs and partnerships it has created,” he said.

The Library of Michigan Foundation and Library of Michigan (LM) bestow the State Librarian's Excellence Award and Citations of Excellence Award yearly to highlight the importance of Michigan libraries’ services.

This year's Citations of Excellence co-winners, for their exceptional customer service, are:

- the Sunfield District Library; and
- the J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library at Michigan Technological University.

Each of those libraries will receive \$1,000 with this honor.

The State Librarian's Excellence Award is sponsored in honor of June Mendel through the Library of Michigan Foundation. The Citation of Excellence Awards are funded by the Library of Michigan Foundation.

The State Librarian's Excellence Award program is in its 22nd year. For more information about the award and the previous recipients, go to www.michigan.gov/MiStateLibrarian.



Jackilyn Roseberry, Fremont Library Director, and FADL Staff