

Atkinson and CJCLS award committees announce 2002 winners

The final installment of ACRL award winners

by Stephanie Sherrod

Billings named winner of Atkinson Award

Harold W. Billings, director of libraries at the University of Texas at Austin, has been named the 2002 winner of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award. Named in honor of one of the pioneers of library automation, the Atkinson award recognizes an academic librarian who has made significant contributions in the area of library automation or management, and has made notable improvements in library services or research.

"Harold Billings' long commitment to innovation in automation, resource sharing, and creative management all contributed to his selection by the Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award Committee," said Diane Graves, chair of the award selection committee. "He has been professionally active, and has supported efforts at both the state and national level to encourage resource sharing and cooperative collection development."

Graves also noted that Billings was an early proponent of OCLC as a resource-sharing tool in the southwestern United States, and he has led the automation movement by encouraging the development of an interactive search tool for UTCAT. In addition, Billings has pioneered innovative job-sharing and research work assignments for his staff of nearly 600; provided leadership in the development of TexShare, a state-funded program that provides electronic resources to a consortium of

more than 600 academic and public libraries in Texas; and supports enhanced ILL services.

Billings will receive an award of \$2,000 and a citation at the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta.

The Hugh C. Atkinson Award is jointly sponsored by four divisions of ALA, including ACRL, the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), and the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS).

Community College awards go to Steinhoff and St. Petersburg Junior College

Cynthia Steinhoff, library director at the Andrew G. Truxal Library at Anne Arundel Community College, has been selected as the 2002 winner of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) EBSCO Community College Learning Resources



Cynthia Steinhoff

Award. The award honors significant achievement in the advocacy of learning resources, as well as leadership in professional organi-

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Pamela Schoenewaldt as the new writer-in-residence. Schoenewaldt is a recent émigré to Knoxville, having lived for many years in Naples, Italy. In 1995, she won the Chekhov Prize for Short Fiction from *The Crescent Review*.

Year three

We began our third year of the Writers in the Library series with a reading that featured both the incoming and outgoing writer-in-residence. In planning this year's series, Schoenewaldt drew heavily on Griffin's experience to round up an extensive roster of authors, many from the Writer's Guild and the Knoxville writing community in general. The series is expanding from five to nine readings during the academic year. We have also gotten additional publicity support from the Libraries to create a bookmark that lists the entire agenda of authors and dates. With a schedule of events prepared ahead of time, we were able to book the library's auditorium for many of the readings.

Although she had been so instrumental in developing the Writers in the Library series, Paula Kaufman moved on to become dean of libraries at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 1999, before our series even began. Interim Dean Aubrey Mitchell, and our new Dean of Libraries Barbara Dewey, however, have strongly supported the series and encouraged its continued development.

In planning Writers in the Library, we have relied exclusively on our own wits and UT resources (material and intellectual), but there are a number of organizations around that can help a librarian develop a reading series. ALA's "@yourlibrary" program provides ideas and funds to qualified applicants.⁶ Poets House also works with libraries to establish literary events.⁷

We decided to go it on our own, partly out of laziness, partly out of ignorance, but mostly because we took a lot of pleasure in developing the ideas ourselves and shepherding them through to a finished product. It has truly been one of the most enjoyable aspects of my time at UT. I encourage everyone to develop a similar literary program at their libraries. It provides a great way to become familiar with local writers and to form important bonds with library supporters throughout the community.

Notes

1. Information on UT's Creative Writing Program in the Department of English can be found at <http://web.utk.edu/%7Eenglish/creative.htm>.

2. Brian Griffin, *Sparkman in the Sky & other Stories* (Sarabande Books, 1997).

3. The Knoxville Writer's Guild is on the Web at <http://www.knoxvillewritersguild.org/>.

4. The Writers in the Library Web site is at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/announce/writersinthelibrary/>.

5. Information on the Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel is online at <http://www.knoxvillewritersguild.org/tennprize.htm>.

6. Visit <https://cs.ala.org/@yourlibrary/>.

7. Poets House can be found at <http://www.poetshouse.org/>. ■

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zations that support the missions of community, junior, and technical colleges.

Paula Herring, chair of the awards committee, said, "Cynthia was chosen because she exemplifies leadership on all levels: local, state, and national. She has been a leader on her campus, in the state of Maryland, and in CJCLS. Her tireless advocacy for and commitment to community college libraries [make her] truly deserving of this award."

The Michael M. Bennett Library of St. Petersburg Junior College has been chosen to receive the 2002 CJCLS/EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Program Achievement Award for its information literacy program, which includes online tests, curriculum development, instruction of other librarians, faculty awareness, and advocacy.

"The librarians at St. Petersburg Junior College have developed an innovative information literacy program for their students," said Herring. "From online testing to instructional video to credit coursework, this program is designed to reach every student in every campus. The librarians are to be commended for their outreach to their campuses."

A citation and \$500 (donated by EBSCO Information Services) will be presented to each recipient during the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta at the CJCLS All Committee Meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. at the Omni Hotel, Brampton A. ■