

TO: NDLA Executive Board
FROM: Marlene Anderson, Past President
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Awards

As Past President, I chair the committees for the Librarian of the Year and Major Benefactor of the Year awards. Past Presidents Ellen Kotrba, Lillian Crook, and Kaaren Pupino have agreed to serve on the selection committees. An announcement about the awards, including nomination criteria and submission deadlines, has been posted on the NDLA website and to the NDLA list. Awards information is also included in the June 2006 issue of *The Good Stuff*. To date, one nomination for Librarian of the Year has been received. I will continue to post messages to the NDLA list to encourage people to submit nominations by the August 1 deadline.

Conference Exhibits

Invitations have been sent to 49 potential conference exhibitors. To date, I have received one verbal commitment. The registration deadline for exhibitors is August 1 (for the best prices) so it may be quite some time before I have definite numbers to report.

In mid-March, Beth Postema, President-elect and Conference Chair, alerted me about a conflict with the 2006 South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) Conference in Rapid City, which is scheduled for the same days as our conference. This may have a negative impact on our exhibits since many vendor representatives have territory in both North Dakota and South Dakota. I will do my best to attract vendors to Fargo and the NDLA Centennial Conference. Typically, the SDLA conference is in October. In 2007, it will be held October 3-5 in Watertown.