

TO: NDLA Executive Board
FROM: Marlene Anderson, Past President
SUBJECT: Past President 4th Quarter/Annual Report
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As Past President, my primary responsibilities for the year were to coordinate the 2006 conference exhibits and to chair the committee for the Librarian of the Year and Major Benefactor of the Year awards.

Awards

Past Presidents Ellen Kotrba, Lillian Crook, and Kaaren Pupino served on the awards selection committee. An announcement about the awards, including nomination criteria and submission deadlines, was posted on the NDLA website and on the NDLA electronic list. Awards information was also included in the June 2006 issue of *The Good Stuff*. After the August 1 deadline for nominations, the committee reviewed the nomination materials and made its decisions.

I am pleased to announce that the award recipients are:

- Major Benefactor Award - Great River Energy. Plaques will be given to both the Coal Creek Station and to the Stanton Station.
- Librarian of the Year Award - Kathryn Thomas of NDSU Libraries

Please join me in extending congratulations to Great River Energy and to Kathryn Thomas.

Conference Exhibits

Charles Pace, ALA Councilor, prepared and distributed a flyer about the 2006 NDLA conference at ALA Midwinter to help us get the word to potential exhibitors. I received a few calls and e-mails as a result of this promotional effort.

Invitations were sent to 49 potential conference exhibitors in March. I am delighted to report that 27 companies/organizations will be exhibiting at the 2006 NDLA conference. This number includes information-only tables for MPLA and ACRL ND-MB, as well as tables for NDLA's GODORT Notable Document display and *Dakota Gold*, NDLA's cookbook and history.