



Trustee Update

Library News You Can Use

Chase, Sharpee to be honored

2016 Cornerstone Award Reception is Nov. 17 in Cambridge

Plans are underway for the 2016 SCLS Foundation Cornerstone Award Reception, to be held Nov. 17 in Cambridge. This year's Cornerstone Award recipients are Julie Chase, former director of the Dane County Library Service and Middleton Public Library, and Mary Lou Sharpee, a community activist who has been involved in literacy efforts in the Columbus area for more than 40 years. You can make a contribution to honor Mary Lou and/or Julie at www.scls-foundation.org.



Julie Chase

Way, in Cambridge, WI. The 2015 event raised nearly \$13,500 for the SCLS Foundation.

In addition to the Cornerstone Award presentation, the SCLS Foundation Board will present three awards to member libraries in recognition of the amazing work public libraries do every day while serving their communities. The awards and descriptions are listed in the column to the right.

Short Takes for Trustees

SCLS subscribes to trustee training videos

In an effort to provide training support for member library trustees, the South Central Library System (SCLS) has subscribed to a new online video resource called "Short Takes for Trustees."

This resource is produced by United for Libraries, which is the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations of the American Library Association.

"Short Takes for Trustees" is a series of 10 short videos (8-10 minutes each) that can be shown during trustee meetings to stimulate discussion about



Short Takes for Trustees

the important role that trustees play in the governance of their libraries.

Utilizing an interview format, United for Libraries Executive Director Sally Gardner Reed covers topics in the series

such as what it means to be a trustee, as well as how to set policy, how to evaluate the library director and board self-evaluation, and the ethical and parliamentary standards for boards. Videos can be shown

during meetings, or individual trustees can log in on their own

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✔ **Super Awesome Library Award**—For the library that was overall awesome in 2016. Maybe they handled a tough situation with grace. Or took a new approach. Or found a lot of money under a rock and did something really cool with it. Or got a lot of local support and kudos because they play well with others. Or are just plain super awesome every day.



Mary Lou Sharpee

✔ **Program Wizard Award**—For a super creative, innovative and fun library program created by library staff. In the library or out. For babies or seniors or anyone in between. A one-off or a regular series. If Dumbledore thinks it's worthy of Wizard status, nominate it!

✔ **Giddy Up Partner Award**—For those strong community partnerships that add value to the library and the community as a whole. It takes two, baby! Or three... or four. Nominate the library and its partner(s) and describe the amazing stuff they're doing together. ❖

Short Takes for Trustees available—from page 1

and watch the videos. Users will enter a name, email address, library name, and state before viewing the videos.

Library directors already have the required login information, so trustees interested in watching videos on their own should contact their director.

Topics for videos are: What it Means to be a Trustee, Board Meetings, Board Ethics, Library Advocacy, Library Policies, Strategic Planning, Working with Friends, Evaluating the Library Director, Board Self Evaluation, and Succession Planning and New Board Orientation.

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For more information about Wisconsin library law, trustee responsibilities, or library administration, or if you have questions about library advocacy, marketing, or printing *Trustee Essentials*, please contact Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator, at (608) 246-5612 or mibach@scls.info. ❖

This resource is being provided through the use of Continuing Education funds from the South Central Library System. We have purchased a one-year subscription that can be used by trustees at all SCLS member libraries, as well as by members of the SCLS Board of Trustees.

To access this new video training resource, visit the SCLS website at www.scls.info/shorttakes/.

More information about this and other SCLS continuing education opportunities is available from Jean Anderson, SCLS Continuing Education Consultant, jean@scls.info. ❖

‘Trustee Training Week’ webinar videos available online

If you were unable to attend any of the “Trustee Training Week” webinars (Aug. 22-26), or if you want to review what you learned, each of the sessions is available to view online at www.wistrusteetraining.com/recordings.html.

South Central Library System Continuing Education Consultant Jean Anderson organized this series of webinars, which is made available with financial support provided by other Wisconsin library systems. ❖

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