Bozeman Public Library Foundation
Cornerstone Award: Honoring Arts & Ideas

Presented by the Bozeman Public Library Foundation. To submit a nomination for this award, please visit BPL Foundation website at www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

Purpose:
The Cornerstone Award recognizes a community member who has made a significant contribution to literature, libraries, and/or learning in the Gallatin Valley. Nominations are encouraged and welcome from everyone. This award is presented annually at the Cornerstone Celebration at the Bozeman Public Library during National Library Week.

Eligibility:
This award is open to any living Gallatin Valley resident, past or present, or Gallatin Valley native whose personal and/or professional experience or body of work is deemed relevant to or inherently connected with the Bozeman Public Library.

Nomination Procedure:
Members of the general public may submit nominations from January 1, 2010, until February 15, 2010. All applications must be received by the BPL Foundation on or before the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications for nomination should describe in detail how the nominee’s experience meets the criteria.

Selection will be made by a five-member panel comprised of BPL Director, BPL Foundation Director, BPL Foundation Board President, a member of the BPL Board of Trustees, and a member of the Friends of the Library Board. All nominators (including those who nominate themselves) will remain anonymous to the judges. Winner will be announced on March 1, 2010. BPLF reserves the right not to give out an award in any given year if circumstances warrant it.

Selection Criteria:
Selection will be based on: (1) a demonstrated contribution to literature, libraries, and/or learning as evidenced by substantial achievement; and (2) the degree to which the nominee’s experience and/or body of work is directly related to or positively reflects on the Bozeman Public Library.

Definition of Terms:
“Literature”: Nominees in this category include any individual who has contributed to or promoted the written word such as, but not limited to, authors, illustrators, journalists, editors, and/or publishers.
“Libraries”: Nominees in this category include any individual who has contributed to or promoted the physical structure, services, and/or programs of the Bozeman Public Library.
“Learning”: Nominees in this category include any individual who has contributed to or promoted educational initiatives that have had a significant impact in the Gallatin Valley.
Special Requirements:
Winner must be able to attend the Cornerstone Celebration in April to accept the award.

Submission Requirements:
(1) a completed nomination form;
(2) a detailed statement indicating how the individual’s work is relevant to or connected with the Bozeman Public Library;
(3) a detailed list of achievements (resume or C.V. is acceptable);
(4) one to three letters of support.
It is not necessary to submit books or other published work with nominations.

Application:
To submit an application for this award, please visit the Bozeman Public Library Foundation website at www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

Past Recipients:
2009  Mary Jane DiSanti, Owner Country Bookshelf