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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

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The *New York Times* has announced the names of the 25 winners of the 2006 *New York Times* Librarian Awards. Now in its sixth year, the program honors librarians from around the country who have provided outstanding public service and have had a strong, positive impact on their nominators. This year's winners represent 17 states.

Included among the 25 winners is Nancy Tillinghast, Director of the Thomas County Public Library in Thomasville, Ga.

Nominations for the public librarian awards came from the general public. The *Times* received more than 1,300 nominations from 45 states this year.

The *Times* held a ceremony and reception in honor of the winners on Dec. 13 at which each winner was given \$2,500 and a commemorative plaque from The *Times*. A separate plaque featuring the winner's name and title will be sent to the library where each winner works.

"We are very happy for this opportunity to celebrate librarians from across the country, whose enormous contributions sometimes go unrecognized," said Alyse Myers, senior vice president, chief marketing officer, The *New York Times* Media Group. "This year, we are also delighted to extend the Librarian Awards to academic librarians, who serve their college communities with the same devotion as the public librarians whose work we have honored since 2001. All librarians fill a vital role in our society — they are the people who bring together communities in the pursuit of knowledge. In doing so, they remind us that education and civic engagement are critical components of a thriving democracy. We applaud this year's winners and the work they do every day."

Two selection committees composed of leading library professionals from around the country chose the winners. The public librarian awards selection committee included Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET (Southeastern



Nancy Tillinghast (center) accepts the 2006 New York Times Librarian Award from Diane McNulty (left), executive director of Community Affairs for the New York Times and Alyse Myers, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for the New York Times Media Group.

Library Network). The academic librarian awards selection committee included Loretta Parham, CEO and Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center. ►►

Henderson Library opens in new quarters

At noon on October 1, the Zach S. Henderson Library at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro opened in its new quarters without any break in service. The addition built onto the original library will house our most-circulated materials during the two years of reconstruction and renovation of the original structure. Less-used materials and some offices are now located off-site. Approximately 160,000 volumes were loaded by staff into bins of the automated retrieval collection (ARC) during the months leading up to the move. This ARC is the only one presently operating in any southeastern library. Space will almost double when the entire completed building opens in 2008. For additional and updated information, visit the library's Web site at <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu>. ►►