



Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award 2022 Nomination Form

Framed Certificate + \$500 for Library Materials Identified by Bookplate(s)

Please answer the following 3 questions using this form. Make your answers descriptive and concise as you describe the contributions made to foster library services in your community. This written part of the application should be no more than 2 pages total. Please focus on activities that took place over the last 3 years.

You may add up to 2 additional pages of support materials – photos, publicity materials, news stories, etc. The application package may not exceed 4 pages total.

Staff members of individual libraries and of the MVLS are ineligible for consideration

I nominate Sylvia Curley affiliated with the Friends of the
Schenectady County Public Library

, for the MVLS Volunteer Service Award

Submitted by Charlene Roman, President of the Friends of the
SCPL

Submit nomination via email to kclingan@mvls.info by Friday, September 2, 2022

1. What was the focus of this volunteer effort and why were these activities important to your library?

Sylvia sorts Children's and YA books for the Friends. She has been doing this for many years. Her dedication to this volunteer job has been beyond compare. She devotes 3 to 5 days a week going through each book that is donated by the community or discarded by the library. She separates them into Bookstore quality, for the book sale or special ones that may be worth some money for Online sales. The stores (the Friends have two stores) benefit greatly from her attention to detail and our patrons love our high quality used books.

Sylvia organizes the book sale books on carts for the two large book sales. She separates them into type and age group. Sylvia works both sale days keeping track of what she sells and keeping the tables replenished.

2. Where and when did the volunteer activities and services take place?

Sylvia works upstairs in the Friends area of the Central library. She does this 3-4 days every week, averaging 30+ hours a week.

During the book sales, she works Friday set up loading the carts with children's books to be brought downstairs, sets up Saturday morning and works all day organizing the books and replenishing and Sunday she does it all again.

3. How did your library/community benefit from this volunteer effort? How was it successful?

The library benefits from the money we raise to provide them with all of the programming they do for the community. Sylvia is a large part of that.

The community benefits by being able to purchase gently used books for a nominal price at our bookstores and used ones at our sales.

The last book sale, Sylvia helped with donating leftover children's books to the Schenectady City Education Foundation for the city schools.

She also spent two days packing six large totes full of books for Schenectady Inner City Mission to give out at their summer lunch program.

**Return via email to Kate Clingan at kclingan@mvlis.info by
Friday, September 2, 2022**