



**Harold and Junice Wusterbarth
Volunteer Service Award
2025 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 Bonnie Myers affiliated with the Frothingham Free Library, for the MVLS Volunteer Service Award

Library, for the MVLS Volunteer Service Award

Submitted by Frothingham Free Library

Submit nomination via email to kclingan@mvls.info by Monday, September 8, 2025

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

Bonnie Myers' volunteer work has focused on providing steady, reliable, and compassionate support at the Frothingham Free Library. She has served behind the circulation desk for decades, repairing books, helping patrons locate materials, teaching new technologies, and supporting staff through transitions in policies, programs, and systems. Her ability to embrace changes such as the move from card catalogs to POLARIS while continuing to guide others has been critical. Bonnie's presence has provided continuity and stability, ensuring the library remains welcoming and efficient for our community.

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

Bonnie's service has taken place at the Frothingham Free Library in Fonda, NY. Although she has volunteered for nearly forty years, her consistent efforts over the last three years have been especially vital as the library continues adapting to new technologies and evolving community needs. She volunteers regularly at the circulation desk, behind the scenes with book repairs and organization, and assists with day-to-day library operations.

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

Our library and community have benefited tremendously from Bonnie's dedication. Her knowledge of library history and operations helps staff and volunteers navigate challenges with confidence. Patrons rely on her calm presence, assistance with technology, and guidance in finding resources. Bonnie's consistency fosters trust and strengthens the library's role as a community hub. Her long service, adaptability, and willingness to share her expertise make her an irreplaceable part of our library family, and her efforts have directly contributed to the library's ongoing success.

**Return via email to Kate Clingan at kclingan@mvlis.info by
Monday, September 8, 2025**

Frothingham Free Library

Fonda, New York

September 8, 2025

MVLS Wusterbarth Award Committee

Mohawk Valley Library System

Dear Committee Members,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we nominate Bonnie Myers for the 2025 Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. Bonnie has been an unwavering volunteer at the Frothingham Free Library for nearly forty years, offering her time, skills, and heart to ensure our library remains a welcoming and thriving part of the Fonda community.

Over her tenure, Bonnie's contributions have been especially invaluable. She continues to serve faithfully behind the circulation desk, assisting patrons with warmth and patience. Bonnie embraces evolving technologies, guiding both staff and visitors as we transition through systems from card catalogs to POLARIS. Her willingness to learn and teach has made her a vital bridge between tradition and innovation.

Bonnie is also the quiet problem solver who knows where everything is, how procedures were handled in years past, and how best to support others. She repairs books, manages the book drop, and shares her knowledge generously. She has been the steady presence through staff changes, community challenges, and policy updates—always calm, reliable, and encouraging.

Her decades of service have left an indelible mark not only on the Frothingham Free Library but also on the countless families and individuals who have come to rely on her kindness and expertise. Bonnie exemplifies the very best of volunteer service: humility, consistency, adaptability, and care.

For these reasons, we strongly and wholeheartedly recommend Bonnie Myers for the Wusterbarth Award. We cannot think of anyone more deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,

Frothingham Free Library Board of Trustees