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### AALT PRESENTS AWARDS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**(Banff, AB)** - At the 32<sup>nd</sup> AALT Conference held at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta, on May 25 – 28, 2006, the Student Bursary Awards, the Dewey Award and the Bernice Neufeld Special Service awards were presented. In recognition of academic achievement and potential contributions to the library technician profession, outgoing AALT President, Sandi Swanston presented the AALT Student Bursary Awards to Grant MacEwan student Tamara Abram and SAIT student Sharon Brooks. The Dewey Award this year, which recognizes the efforts of a Board member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, was presented to Dianne Guidera. Although Dianne's role on the Board was that of a Web Team member rather than a Director, she was a voice of reason and a "go to" person, whose energy, enthusiasm, dedication, and Library Board experience were invaluable to the 2005-2006 AALT Board of Directors. Before presenting the Bernice Neufeld Special Service awards, which were renamed in recognition of the drive, dedication and perseverance of Bernice Neufeld in the creation of AALT, Sandi Swanston read a letter from Bernice congratulating the award recipients and praising them for the selfless work that they are doing for our profession. This year's Special Services Awards were presented to Carol Fowler for her contributions to the *AALT Technician* and to the AALT web site, where she has been a steady source for the Job Boards as well as the AALT Link Library, and to Karen Hildebrandt, Jenna Innes and Debra Jowett, members of the AALT Programs North Committee, who through teamwork, planned, coordinated and executed an innovative slate of sessions.

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