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AALT PRESENTS AWARDS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Edmonton, AB) - At the 33rd AALT Conference held at the Delta Edmonton South in Edmonton, Alberta, on May 24 – 27, 2007, the Student Bursary Awards, the Dewey Award, Bernice Neufeld Special Service awards, Advocacy Award, Library Technician Award of Excellence, and an Honorary Membership were presented. In recognition of academic achievement and potential contributions to the library technician profession, outgoing AALT President and Chair of the Awards Committee, Marcia Wong presented the AALT Student Bursary Awards to Grant MacEwan student Marilyn Doyle and SAIT student Kerry Van Leeuwen. 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 Lynda Shurko. Lynda was the Programs North Director as well as the Acting Secretary for the entire term. She also worked closely with the Membership Committee.

The Bernice Neufeld Special Service awards, which were renamed in 2006 in recognition of the drive, dedication and perseverance of Bernice Neufeld in the creation of AALT, were presented to Margaret Clarke for her contributions to the Programs North and Conference committees as well as her willingness to assist the Board in various projects; Carol Fowler for her work on the AALT website, particularly the AALT Job Boards; Dianne Guidera for work on the AALT job profiles video, grant applications, conference website and a number of Board tasks; Marnie McFarland, the new AALT Web Site Director who has been invaluable in terms of the AALT Link Library, and finally, to Jenna Innes, Blanka Kaiser, and Conchita Rico for their enthusiastic and valuable contributions to the AALT Conference Committee, which helped to make the conference that much more successful!

Jenna Innes is the recipient of the 2007 Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT) Advocacy Award. This award may be given annually by AALT to recognize the efforts of an individual who has had a positive influence on Library Technicians and Library Operation Assistants in Alberta. Marcia Wong presented the award to Jenna in recognition of her enthusiastic and unwavering support of library technicians and their professional development needs. Her work on the different Conference and Programs North Committees has been inspiring and she was the driving force behind Programs North 2005-2006 Committee.

Eileen Davis, Library Technician and Cataloguing Manager at the Shortgrass Library System, is the recipient of the 2007 Library Technician Award of Excellence. This award was created to recognize the efforts of a library technician who has made a major contribution to the library field in Alberta. Eileen has been handling the cataloguing needs of the Shortgrass System since 1988, and has done everything from recon to training. Although now she is the Cataloguing Manager, Eileen is still very much hands-on and the “go to” person for cataloguing questions. Nothing fazes Eileen and nothing is impossible. Eileen has been in charge of the creation and management of over 368,000 records at

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Shortgrass and is a highly regarded member of the Shortgrass team. Marcia Wong presented the award to Eileen.

To finish off the Awards presentations, Marcia Wong presented long time AALT volunteer and Board member, Lynda Shurko with an Honorary Membership in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the association. Lynda has been an active AALT member for 30 years.

For additional information about AALT and their awards, please visit www.aalt.org or contact AALT at P.O. Box 700, Edmonton, AB T5J 2L4.

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