



PO Box 4862 ★ Modesto, CA 95352
www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org
Tax ID: 77-0384311

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 11, 2019

For more information, contact:

Susan Lilly, 209-558-4813 or 209-613-3672

Stanislaus Library Foundation to honor 2019 Shining Stars

Four individuals and three organizations will be recognized April 20

The Stanislaus Library Foundation will present its 2019 Shining Star Awards at the Library's Volunteer Appreciation Event on Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library. The Shining Star Awards were established in 2004 to honor individuals, businesses, organizations, and Friends of the Library members for their exemplary support of our libraries.

"The awards go to those who perform tasks voluntarily, such as, working with the children's librarian during programs, sorting books, campaigning for the library tax measure, serving as an officer in the Friends of the Library groups, contributing dollars to sustain our summer reading programs, and much more," said Jane Manley, president of the Stanislaus Library Foundation.

This year's Shining Star Award honorees are:

Dallas and Garrad Marsh

Consistent and generous supporters of all things Library, Dallas and Garrad provide financial assistance and bowling vouchers as Summer Reading Challenge incentives. They supported tax measures to maintain funding by donating during the election cycle, hosting campaign events, and taking active roles in the steering committees. They are longtime generous financial supporters of the Friends of the Modesto Library, with their star shining bright over our libraries.

Mayra Castellanos

As a dependable library volunteer, Mayra can be counted on to fulfill her duties twice a week on a regular schedule. She does what is asked of her and makes sure she does it correctly. One of her most recent tasks was to methodically go through every picture book in the Children's collection looking for rips and stains. With her help, repairs were made and books replaced as needed. Mayra is helpful, diligent, and a great asset to the Riverbank Library.

--MORE--

Josephine House

A volunteer for 10 years, Josephine dedicates four hours a week to tasks in the Turlock Library. She helps process discarded books so they can be sold or recycled. Her hard work and regular schedule keeps the book sale inventory moving. Josephine is positive, friendly, focused, and punctual – a true Shining Star.

Kent and Ginger Johnson

By opening their beautiful home and garden as the venue for the Stanislaus Library Foundation's Annual Authors' Garden Gala, the Johnsons' hospitality has enabled our organization to hold a successful event for a number of years. Kent and Ginger are the consummate hosts, concerned for the well-being of their guests; Ginger even makes delicious hors d'oeuvres for all to enjoy. The Library Foundation is grateful for their generosity to our libraries.

Alfred Matthews Buick GMC Cadillac

Holly and Paul Caron brought their company to Friends of the Modesto Library as a sponsor. They made it possible for the Friends to host a Summer Reading Challenge Movie Night for participants and other events and programs that benefit the Modesto Library. The Carons have set a great example for other business owners to follow their lead. As Holly said, "Our local libraries are a place to let children's imaginations soar! Visiting the library and taking books home ... teaches them to discover new worlds and dream of the future."

Richard Gilton, Gilton Solid Waste Management

For many years, the Friends of the Oakdale Library has received support from Gilton for our used book sale, such as providing a dumpster for free, and since 2016, Richard stepped up support by providing the company's warehouse to store books. This provided a clean, dry and safe storage area throughout the year, with access for us to drop off more books or take inventory. An employee even helped move books a time or two on a Saturday. The Oakdale Friends appreciate the ongoing support of the entire Gilton staff.

First United Methodist Church of Turlock

For almost 15 years, the Friends of the Turlock Public Library has utilized the church social hall for its annual book sale, where thousands of dollars are raised for library expenses not covered by the county budget. The book sale project has received support from church ministers, staff, council and congregation. They consider their contribution as a gift to the entire community. Its generous support makes it one of the Library's Shining Stars.

Nominations for the Shining Star awards are submitted from individuals and Friends of the Library groups and then reviewed by a committee from the Library Foundation to make the final selections. Since 2004, 75 Shining Star Awards have been presented.

For more information about the Shining Star Awards or the Library Foundation, please call Susan Lilly at 209-558-4813.

#