



Library Announces Light of Carroll Award Winners

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Carroll County Public Library's Awards Shine a Light on Community Members Making a Difference

Carroll County, Maryland – Carroll County Public Library presented the inaugural Light of Carroll Awards to shine a light on our community members making a difference in Carroll County, Maryland. Nominees celebrated, and winners were announced at a breakfast awards ceremony on Thursday, November 10, from 8:00 am -10:00 am. The awards took place at Carroll Community College's Bollinger Conference Center (K100). The Light of Carroll Awards recognizes the work of individuals, groups, and businesses, in promoting and supporting the power of literacy through acts of extraordinary kindness, courage, selflessness, or education in our community.

Nominees are known in the community for having changed another's life through the power of literacy; created works that are representative of a desire to promote learning and knowledge through the power of literacy; created innovative educational programs promoting literacy; motivated groups to support the cause of literacy; demonstrated dedication to excellence in a cause benefitting education and learning; developed a program or another literacy service that benefits the community; or participated in an action of extraordinary kindness, courage, or selflessness. ***Please see attached for winners and nominees.***

About the inaugural awards, Andrea Berstler, Carroll County Public Library's Executive Director, said, "These incredible people are truly an inspiration for us all. It is our hope that by hearing their stories and seeing the impact of their work, these extraordinary deeds will be replicated throughout the community. Carroll County Public Library is very pleased to be able to host this event, celebrating these individuals who shine a light for others in our community."

For more information about Carroll County Public Library, visit <https://library.carr.org>.

Light of Carroll Awards Nominees 2022

(Winners are noted with an asterisk and are in bold)

- Natalie Alascia-Dittfurth
- Back 2 Basics Pediatric Therapy Services
- **The Ballet Slipper* (Arts Literacy Award)**
- Stacy Bricca, Carroll County Public Schools - Sykesville Middle
- Maxine Bukowitz, Carroll County Recreation and Parks
- Carroll Community College Librarians
- Coalition Against Prejudice
- **Diane DeAtley, Carroll Community College - The Food Locker* (Health Literacy Award)**
- Jane Drozinski, Carroll Lutheran School
- Eldersburg Storytime Librarians, Carroll County Public Library
- Asa Evans, Carroll County Public Schools - Robert Moton
- Find Your Purpose
- Friends of Disabled Veterans of Carroll County
- **Makenzie Greenwood, Hampstead Little Free Pantry* (Youth Award)**
- **GFWC Women's Club of Westminster* (Organization - Nonprofit Award)**
- Chloe Irla, McDaniel College
- **Richard Keen* (Basic Literacy Award)**
- A Likely Story Bookstore
- Patsy Linville, Carroll County Public Library
- Mason-Dixon Surveyor
- Peggy Miller, Carroll County Public Schools - Runnymede
- The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County
- **Patricia Greenwald, Historic Colored Schoolhouse* (Educator Award)**
- **PFLAG, Westminster - Carroll County* (Cultural Literacy Award)**
- **Pipe the Side Brewing Company* (Organization - Business Award)**
- **Quantum Internet & Telephone* (Technology Literacy Award)**
- Rudolph Girls Bookstore
- The Shepherd's Staff
- **Karen & Richard Soisson* (Adult Award)**
- Jacquelyn Slade
- Target Community & Educational Services, Inc.
- Ting
- Kati Townsley
- Lynn Wheeler
- **Betsy Wirick, Carroll County Public Schools - Carroll Springs* (School Librarian Award)**
- David Zicha