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Denison Wins Trustee Achievement Award

The Ohio Library Council recently announced that Washington-Centerville Public Library Trustee, Barbara Denison, has been selected to receive the 2019 Trustee Award of Achievement. This award, bestowed by the Ohio Library Council, recognizes an individual library board member or entire board of trustees that demonstrates distinguished service and innovative leadership within the community or across Ohio. Ms. Denison said "It is an honor to accept this award for doing something I love, volunteering in the library. Our beautiful facilities, outstanding staff, and supportive community make the Washington-Centerville Public Libraries the place to be."

In addition to nominator Kim Senft-Paras, Director of the Washington-Centerville Public Library, several people submitted letters of support for Ms. Denison. The nomination cited her work on the Library's Board of Trustees and more specifically the long-range planning committee, the Art Speaks Volumes initiative and the Rediscovering Woodbourne Sneak Peek Fundraiser Gala. Under her leadership, the Library raised over \$35,000 for special projects including an interactive wall installed in the Children's Room at Woodbourne Library. Ms. Denison also serves as immediate Past President and Curriculum Co-Chair for the University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Board of Advisors. Their Executive Director Julie Mitchell summed up her letter of support for Ms. Denison, writing," Barbara is an innovator at heart. She is kind, thoughtful, a joy to know and to work with and is an enthusiastic example of lifelong learning at its best. I can think of no one more worthy for the OLC Board of Trustees Award of Achievement." Ms. Denison will be honored at the Awards and Honors luncheon on September 25 at the 2019 Ohio Library Council Convention and Expo held Cincinnati.

For more information on Washington-Centerville Public Library, visit <u>www.wclibrary.info</u>.

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