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OUR SPIRITS

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*Award for Museum
and Library
Service*





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I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE *National*
Awards for Museum and
Library Service. THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS

ARE DOING REMARKABLE THINGS; THEY ARE

enriching LIVES AND *connecting*

PEOPLE TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE WORLD.

THEY ARE *making a difference* IN

THEIR COMMUNITIES. I CONGRATULATE EACH OF

THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND *enthusiasm.*

LAURA BUSH

From the Chairmen and Director

The Institute of Museum and Library Services proudly salutes the winners of the National Award for Museum and Library Service. These awards were created to underscore the powerful role of museums and libraries as leaders in our democratic society. The award celebrates their role as cornerstones of community life. This national honor is a tribute to the ability of libraries and museums to reach out to children, families, and communities in towns and cities all across the nation. The award winners demonstrate a core commitment to public service through innovative programs and active partnerships that address the urgent and changing needs within the communities they serve.

This year's recipients embody extraordinary public service. Through partnerships with schools, religious institutions, youth organizations, businesses, social service agencies, and many other groups, these institutions address the core needs of diverse communities across America.

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ARLIS HAS BECOME THE MOTHER LODE
OF ALASKA RESOURCES INFORMATION,
FACILITATING WISE DEVELOPMENT,
CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND
MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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In 1995, facing serious budget cuts in the largest state in the nation, seven federal, state, and university librarians in Alaska banded together. In the tradition of the Last Frontier they began a pioneering effort to pool resources and consolidate collections. ARLIS opened in 1997. Not only did this partnership save individual library collections from extinction, ARLIS has proven to be greater than the sum of its parts.

Focused on Alaska's vast natural and cultural resources, ARLIS houses books, technical reports, journals, maps, videos, photographs, and a circulating collection of animal skulls, skins and mounted birds. As unique as this collection is, ARLIS's most valuable resource is its knowledgeable staff. As the nation grapples with such controversial topics as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the declining Steller sea lion populations, the reauthorization of the TransAlaska Pipeline, and marine pollution, ARLIS staff provides unbiased, universal access to information to patrons on all sides of the issues, locally, nationwide and around the world.

ARLIS has become the mother lode of Alaska resources information, facilitating wise development, conservation, management, and meaningful public participation.

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WAYS TO NURTURE YOUNG MINDS IN
A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE SPEAK
144 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND OFTEN
LIVE IN POVERTY.



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The sounds of wonder and discovery at Children's Discovery Museum are just as sharp architect Ricardo Legorreta's building design. In the 52,000-square-foot facility, San José's children learn about the world around them and one another through concrete experiences. In a community where people speak 144 different languages and where one in five children lives in poverty, the Museum is a learning hub that inspires children of all ages and backgrounds.

The Museum began as a classic Silicon Valley start-up, conceived not in the garage of Hewlett-Packard fame, but at a kitchen table. Meeting there, two concerned mothers brainstormed ways to nurture young minds. Today, over 150 exhibits and special programs meet the needs of children to learn by doing.

In Discovery Youth, for example, a diverse group of adolescents uses on-site multimedia equipment to build Web sites and develop technical expertise. And since 1993, BioSITE (Students Investigating Their Environment) has helped 1,000 children explore the environment around nearby Guadalupe River.

Countless other programs—including a traditional Lunada Familiar, in which Latino families gather together under the light of the moon to recount stories and perform—exemplify the thoughtful relevance of this Museum's programming.



CONNECTIONS THROUGH
TECHNOLOGY CAN BRING
THE WORLD TO AN ISOLATED
AREA LIKE HANCOCK
COUNTY—WHERE 97 PERCENT
OF THE POPULATION LIVES
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

The Hancock County Library System

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“We are committed to being a force for educational excellence and a conduit to advance literacy and technological access to information in Hancock County, Mississippi,” said Prima Plauché, Director of the Hancock County Library System. It’s an ambitious enterprise, but through partnerships with government, business, and grassroots supporters, the library system receives more than \$21 per capita income in a state where average local government spends only \$8.75 per person on libraries. Successful capital campaigns raised funds for three new libraries in Hancock County including the state’s first joint-use school/public library.

Technological access to information is essential to areas like Hancock County where more than 50% of the population resides in unincorporated communities. From Bay St. Louis, the county seat, the Library System’s CONNECT project forged links to MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities through Library Information Access) and MissIn (Mississippi Information Network). The Hancock County Library System is now expanding that connectivity through FOCUS (Free Online Computer User Services) “to ensure that the information superhighway intersects with the country roads of Hancock County,” says Plauché.

ADDRESSING THE GENDER
AND DIVERSITY BARRIERS
THAT PREVENT LARGE
NUMBERS OF FEMALES
AND MINORITIES FROM
ENTERING THE FIELDS OF
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.



The Miami Museum of Science and Space Transit Planetarium

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For more than a decade the Miami Museum of Science has received national recognition for its innovative programming for adolescents. The Museum has developed targeted programs that address the gender and diversity barriers that prevent large numbers of females and minorities from entering the fields of science and mathematics. For example in the Museum's Upward Bound Math and Science Center, students received mentoring, college preparation classes, professional internships, computer access and field research experiences, resulting in 100 percent of graduating seniors enrolling in colleges and universities.

The Museum has forged partnerships with a wide range of organizations including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, community-based groups, private enterprises, and government funding agencies. In the NIH-funded BioTRAC program, the Museum is opening doors in biomedicine, providing students with access to internships at University of Miami's world-renowned School of Medicine research labs, where they are participating in cutting-edge research in such fields as diabetes, pediatric disease, and nanotechnology.

Youth participation is not short-term. Students are continuously engaged in Museum programming throughout their middle and high school years, with some coming full circle by ultimately joining the Museum's professional staff.



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OUT OF SCHOOL.



The New England Aquarium



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The New England Aquarium is dedicated to presenting, promoting, and protecting the world of water. Located on Boston's waterfront, the Aquarium's mission is fulfilled in part through exhibits, education, and research. However, one of its highest priorities is to be a responsive community member.

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To build bridges from Boston's neighborhoods, the Aquarium has established long term sustainable partnerships with organizations that serve youth, both in and out of school.

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The Afterschool Initiative serves over 400 children enrolled with the Boys and Girls Clubs and Citizens Schools. Tailored to the needs of each partner, the program includes hands on science activities, teen internships, and family field trips.

The Harbor Discoveries summer camp located on a Boston Harbor island features four aquatic themed weeks. Over 500 children participate, and over 250 Boston children receive scholarships.

The Aquarium's collaboration with the Boston Public Schools includes week long teacher sabbaticals, science curriculum development, access to the Teacher Resource Center, and over 4000 free student admissions.

By reaching out to Boston's youth, the New England Aquarium hopes to inspire the next generation of environmental leaders.



AS A CHAMPION OF INDIVIDUAL
ADVANCEMENT THROUGH LITERACY,
PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS HELPING
TO SHAPE THE ECONOMIC REVIVAL
THAT HAS ENERGIZED OUR COMMUNITY.

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Through innovative programs and services, the Providence Public Library reaches beyond the doors of its ten neighborhood branches, serving the varied needs of a dynamic urban population, regardless of income, address, or native language. Each branch is playing a key role in the renaissance transforming Providence by addressing the core needs of its local community.

Providence is a colorful montage of many faces. Its dynamic neighborhoods reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of a city that inspires hope through universal opportunity. As a champion of individual advancement through literacy, Providence Public Library is helping to shape the economic revival that has energized its community.

The heartbeat of each neighborhood is unique. With programs designed to build literacy and business skills, it provides an anchor for assimilation and future independence for new immigrants. Its educational opportunities for children are designed to stimulate learning, encourage intellectual development and creativity, and promote academic achievement. The Library also offers a wide range of inspiring cultural and arts programs. Through an array of enrichment and technology initiatives, Providence Public Library brings vitality to the entire community.



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The Institute of Museum and Library Services foster leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning through support of the nation's libraries and museums. Created by Congress in 1996, IMLS is a primary source of federal grants for museums and libraries. There are 122,000 libraries and 15,000 museums in the United States.

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