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Winners Announced in 22nd Annual Berks County Public Libraries Awards Celebration

For immediate release—On March 5, Berks County Public Libraries honored leadership and service excellence during its 22nd Annual Awards Celebration. Presented at the Library System headquarters in front of an audience of 75 attendees, the event recognized individuals and organizations for their support and contributions to public libraries in Berks County.

Members of the library community nominated individuals, groups, or events that demonstrated outstanding commitment or service to their library and patrons. The Berks County Public Libraries (BCPL) Advisory Board considered nominations from 2024 and announced the category winners during the ceremony.

The full list of award recipients from the 22nd annual awards celebration are as follows:

- Outstanding Elected Official — Senator Judy Schwank
- Trustee of the Year — Michel Micozzi, Reading Public Library
- Outstanding Local Business — Brakeman’s Cafe, Boyertown
- Outstanding Library Volunteer — Mike Najarian, Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library
- Outstanding Fundraising Effort — Library Fall Fair, Wernersville Public Library
- Outstanding Community Organization — Preston’s Pantry, Boyertown
- Outstanding Library Director — Chelsea Williams, Hamburg Public Library
- Outstanding Library Staff Member — Daphne Meyer, Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library
- Outstanding Youth Program — Camp Pollywog, Wernersville Public Library
- Outstanding Teen Program — Driving Simulation, Reading Public Library
- Outstanding Adult Program — Writefest, Spring Township Library
- Chet Hagan Memorial Public Relations Award — Kutztown Community Library
- Dreisbach Award for Exemplary Service — Elizabeth (Betsy) Kreider, Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library

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About the Berks County Library System: The Berks County Public Library (BCPL) System is a department of the County of Berks, serving 428,849 county residents across 866 square miles and 72 municipalities since 1986. Through the support of the Berks County commissioners, BCPL staff aids in strengthening the Berks County community by providing centralized support for the 19 full-service member libraries and four branches. For more information, please visit www.berkslibraries.org.