

Patricia McClary Named 2016 Frances H. Pletz Award Winner



Michigan Library Association (MLA) is pleased to announce Patricia McClary as the 2016 Frances H. Pletz Award Winner for Excellence in Service to Youth.

McClary was honored at the 2016 Spring Institute conference held this year in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. The Frances H. Pletz Award work group chair, Lisa Mulvena introduced McClary at the luncheon on April 14.

McClary was nominated and chosen for this award because of her dedication to serving the youth in her community. She is a coordinator and youth librarian at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch where she enjoys working with children in the Study, Tutoring, Enrichment and Programs (STEP) program she created. This program was created as a partnership with Parcels Middle School and hosts up to 80 students per night.

The Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth is given annually to a Michigan

library staff person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of library service to youth, ages 0-18, throughout their career. The award is named for Frances H. Pletz, a former Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association, because of her exemplary library service to teens in our state. This award was established in 1978 by the Young Adult Division of the Michigan Library association and was given to a teen librarian. In 2010, the Pletz Award combined with the Children's Services Award of Merit to create the Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth.

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