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**JOE SIMITIAN, SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
PATTY WONG, COUNTY LIBRARIAN, YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY  
RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS LIBRARY AWARDS**

San Mateo, CA, June 18, 2013 – The California Library Association (CLA) has announced that Santa Clara County Supervisor, Joe Simitian, will receive its 2013 CLA President’s Award, and Patty Wong, County Librarian, Yolo County Library, will receive its 2013 CLA Member of the Year Award.

“As a school board member, mayor, county supervisor, Assembly member, and State Senator, Supervisor Joe Simitian has been a passionate supporter of the transformational role libraries play in the lives of individuals and communities,” said CLA President, Derek Wolfram. “CLA and its members are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable, and effective advocate working on behalf of libraries.”

“Patty Wong has brought true leadership and vision to California libraries,” said Member of the Year committee chair Helen Fisher, Library Director, Ontario City Library. “She has developed strong partnerships and collaborations with her communities, and overseen multiple building projects and renovations. Her passion for library advocacy, diversity, and outreach to the underserved inspires future and practicing librarians statewide.”

Supervisor Simitian and Ms. Wong will be honored at the CLA Awards Gala on Sunday, November 3, in Long Beach, CA. The event will be held during the annual CLA conference which takes place November 3-5, 2013.

The **CLA President’s Award** recognizes outstanding contributions, leadership, and achievement in support of California libraries by a trustee, friend, elected official, or other lay person who has given his or her time and talents to further the advancement of California libraries.

The **CLA Member of the Year Award** recognizes an individual member of the California Library Association for her or his outstanding contributions, leadership, and achievements in service to California libraries.

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