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Christine Linn honored by the Minnesota Library Association
in recognition of service Above & Beyond

August 22, 2019 – Christine Linn was awarded the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) Above & Beyond Award at the Association’s annual conference, held this year at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minn. This award is given in recognition of a recent contribution significant to the Minnesota library community.

From treasurer to treasure, Christine goes above and beyond in her efforts for library fundraising and in her support of the Pine River Public Library. Christine is the treasurer of the foundation/friend’s board, but does so much more than those duties require. She set out to give 1-2 hours of her time per week to the library being the treasurer plus fundraising volunteering. However, Christine has been giving the library a minimum of 10 hours a week. This is on top of her time spent with family, running a growing family farm plus having a job outside the farm. Christine works tirelessly in organizing the fundraisers from bringing new ideas, planning setup, reaching out for volunteers and spreading the word through social media. She plans the annual luncheon from setting the date, reserving the venue, selecting the meal, organizing the itinerary, plus being there for both setup and cleanup.

Christine took a dying fundraising event and made a success out of it. The Cupcake Wars, which raises money for our Summer Reading Program, was an event that was lacking in participation and excitement. Christine was able to promote the event to bring in bakers and voters. It soared to bring in over $350.00 in just a couple hours it was ran. This was a huge success from recent years. When good fundraisers start to go stale Christine has had the foresight to change them just enough to keep the same base fundraiser with adding something new to bring it back to life.

The board has been working very hard to raise funds for new building addition to the library. With Christine now at the helm of that committee the project is ready to move forward. She has wonderful vision and is motivated to apply for grants, seek out contractors and push this project to completion. With recent staff changes she has been a great asset to have around. Christine has able to help guide through working with the board and friends’ groups, help make new contacts in the local area, and leading through the various fundraisers the board puts on for the library. The Pine River Public Library and its patrons have a gem among them with Christine Linn.

Christine was honored at the 2019 Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference on September 19-20, 2019.

About MLA: The Minnesota Library Association is an association of library supporters, representing all types of libraries by helping them accomplish together what none can do alone. MLA provides opportunities to meet library peers and associates, and meets the interests of its more than 730 members by facilitating educational opportunities, supporting strong ethical standards, and fostering connections between the library community and various constituencies. In addition to the annual conference, programs are planned and sponsored year-round by MLA divisions, sections, roundtables, and committees. Find out more at www.mnlibraryassociation.org.