

Steve Harsin Receives MLA Above & Beyond Award

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Longtime Library Champion Steve Harsin Honored for Outstanding Service

The Minnesota Library Association has named **Steve Harsin**, who recently retired from **SELCO** a recipient of the **2026 Above & Beyond Award**.

Throughout a distinguished career spanning libraries across Minnesota, Harsin has served as a tireless advocate for libraries, library workers, and library users. He has held numerous leadership positions, including serving as MLA President in 2022 during a particularly challenging period for library organizations and led the committee who created MLA's new Sparkle award celebrating the creativity and impact of small libraries.

Known throughout the library community for his willingness to mentor, encourage, and support colleagues, Harsin has built connections in communities large and small across the state.

His dedication to legislative advocacy, local government engagement, and professional development has strengthened Minnesota libraries for decades.

The Above & Beyond Award recognizes both Harsin's remarkable service and the lasting impact he has had on generations of library professionals.

About the Minnesota Library Association

The Minnesota Library Association advances excellence in library services, supports library workers across the state, and promotes equitable access to information for all Minnesotans.

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