

Tonya Potter Named School Librarian of the Year

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Tonya Potter Honored for Extraordinary Service to Students in Stillwater Public Schools

The Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM), a division of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA), has named **Tonya Potter of Stillwater Public Schools** the recipient of the **2026 School Librarian of the Year Award**.

When district library staffing was significantly reduced, Potter stepped forward to support approximately 8,000 students across ten schools and fourteen educational programs.

In addition to overseeing library services districtwide, Potter manages substantial grant and library aid funding while coordinating major library relocation and renovation projects.

Her dedication ensures that students throughout the district continue to have access to library services despite significant challenges.

Potter's resilience, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to students exemplify the best of school librarianship and make her a deserving recipient of this prestigious recognition.

About the Minnesota Library Association

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