

***Library Journal* Releases Annual 2011 Movers & Shakers List**
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New York, NY, March 15, 2011—They are the people shaping the future of libraries and communities across the United States. They are innovators who take service to the next level and technology leaders who build bridges between institutions and patrons. They create change during these rapidly changing times. They are the 50 outstanding librarians who will be inducted into *Library Journal*'s coveted "Movers & Shakers," a distinguished annual award that, over the course of ten years, has honored 500 individuals.

All 50 inductees are ensuring that our libraries deliver the materials and services, the training and technology and the access to the Internet and instruction that Americans need to succeed in the 21st century.

Change Agent Sue Polanka, Head of Reference and Instruction at Wright State University Libraries in Dayton, OH, was described by a colleague as "a visionary who is constantly thinking about what's next." Wherever there are conversations or confabs about ebooks, that's where you'll find her. As a result, she has become the go-to person for questions and answers about ebooks and devices for library users, as well as for consumers who want to know the best ebook readers. Her award-winning blog about all things ebook, *No Shelf Required* (<http://noshelfrequired.com>), evolved into a book of the same title.

In 2008, **Community Builder** Judy Sparzo, Reference Associate at Fairfield Public Library, CT, saw more and more unemployed professionals flocking to the library as the recession took its toll. Responding to their needs, Sparzo launched Jobs 2009, a series of workshops on job hunting strategies and interviewing skills that relied completely on the volunteer efforts of local HR experts, lawyers, and career counselors. The Jobs program has drawn nearly 3000 attendees from 39 towns and has been featured on local radio shows and social networking sites.

Online Services Project Specialist/Children's Librarian Angela Nolet at the King County Library System in Issaquah, WA, is a savvy **Marketer** serving the library's youth patrons as well as a greater online-exclusive group of library users. Nolet has a large role in "Tell me a Story," KCLS's online companion to story times and is the go-to contact for 56 children's librarians. She helped develop the "You Choose the Next Newbery" blog at <http://blogs.kcls.org/newbery/>, which invites children and parents to discuss and vote on

the year's best children's books and launched her own video editing company to help other libraries promote their services. She began making her own library cards when she was seven years old and it's no surprise that she has a personal relationship with the children and families that come through the library's doors.

Commenting on the 2011 award winners, *Library Journal* Editor-in-Chief Francine Fialkoff, who headed the selection committee says, "Despite the fact that library budgets are being cut, these librarians continue to deliver enhanced services that assist and engage individuals of every age and strengthen their communities."

The 2011 honorees were selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession's leading trade magazine. Each of the "Movers & Shakers" for 2011 will be prominently featured in the March 15th issue of *Library Journal* and celebrated at a special luncheon in June during the American Library Association's annual convention in New Orleans. The print feature's companion Web site is sponsored by OCLC and available at www.libraryjournal.com. The luncheon and awards ceremony is made possible by the support of sponsors, including ABC-CLIO, DEMCO, ProQuest, Reference USA, and Rosen Publishing.

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