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***Library Journal* Announces 2013 Movers & Shakers**

New York, N.Y.—A public librarian who leads a book club on a commuter ferry. A digital resources librarian who combines digitization and social media to expand online access to LA County’s transportation archives. A teen librarian who helps young adults think creatively about the world around them, and then gives them the tools to create. A public library branch supervisor who reaches out to increase literacy across all ages and abilities. These are just a few of the 50 outstanding library professionals who have been recognized with *Library Journal*’s prestigious “Movers & Shakers” award this year. Spread out across the United States and beyond, these 50 individuals join the ranks of the more than 600 library innovators, change agents, marketers, advocates, community builders and tech leaders named “Movers & Shakers” since the award’s inception in 2002.

For more than ten years, the Movers & Shakers annual award has honored librarians and others in the field for their roles in creating stronger and more accessible public, academic, school and specialized libraries while meeting the needs of their users head-on. Like their predecessors, the 2013 recipients embrace cutting-edge technologies, enhance existing systems and encourage creativity. They are changing libraries for the better—and developing the library of the future.

“Each member of this year’s Movers & Shakers class embodies service to their community and a passion for advancing libraries and their profession,” said Mike Kelley, *Library Journal* Editor-in-Chief.

“The 2013 Movers & Shakers develop and share the tools and training necessary to make their dreams of stronger community engagement a reality, whether their community is a city or town, a school or campus, a nonprofit or for-profit company. They empower their patrons and their staff,” he added.

Members of the class of 2013 include:

Advocate – Justin Hoenke, the Teen Librarian at Portland Public Library in Maine, has designed innovative and engaging programming for teens, including Make Music at the Library, Make Art for the Library at PPL with the Maine College of Art and a “make your own video game program,” in collaboration with a local writing group.

Community Builder – Christy Aguirre, Branch Supervisor at the Sacramento Public Library, CA has remade her library into a literacy-promoting safe space in a neighborhood known for gang-related violence. She has reached out to organizations from veterans groups to parks departments to Head Start and the AIDS Housing Alliance to increase literacy for young and old.

Innovator – Tanisha Mitchell, Reference Librarian, Freeport Memorial Library, Librarian, Metropolitan Opera Library, Music Librarian, Opera Orchestra of New York in New York City, has paired her love of music with her skill for cataloging and archival management to make it easier for opera companies and others to plan productions by searching and accessing important musical works. Mitchell has worked across three institutions, cataloging more than 1,300 musical manuscripts for the opera houses and boosting circulation of music CDs in the Freeport Memorial Library.

Tech Leader – Maurice York, Head of Information Technology at North Carolina State University Libraries in Raleigh, NC, has led his team through some of the most high-tech innovations in libraries today, from the robotic book retrieval system BookBot to a Visualization Lab, Game Lab and Maker Space, to the Technology Sandbox, a 1,700 square foot, cutting-edge proving ground for students to interact and experiment with the latest digital tools.

The 2013 Movers & Shakers were selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession's leading trade magazine. Each of the Movers & Shakers 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 conference in Chicago. The print feature's companion website is sponsored by OCLC and available at <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/movers2013>. The luncheon and awards ceremony is made possible by the support of sponsors, including Baker & Taylor, Collection HQ, DEMCO, Info Group/Reference USA, Library Aware from Novelist, ProQuest, and Rosen.

Read more about the new inductees at <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/movers2013>.

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