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Library Director Receives 2013 ULA Special Services to Libraries Award

Saratoga Springs – Sue Alexander, the City of Saratoga Springs Public Library Director, received the 2013 Utah Library Association (ULA) Special Services to Libraries Award. The award was presented to Alexander at the ULA annual conference on May 3, 2013. The award is given to individuals or groups that have demonstrated remarkable support for libraries and librarians through a single effort or sustained contribution.

Since January 2011, Alexander has served as Library Director on a volunteer basis, donating hundreds of hours of personal time to the success of the City's library. She will be recognized during the City Council Meeting on May 7, 2013.

Alexander joined the Saratoga Springs Library Board in July 2010, which was tasked with creating a library. She oversaw the opening of the children's section in March 2011 and adding adult and young adult materials in June 2011 since being appointed Library Director. Alexander has worked tirelessly with almost 200 volunteers donating over 12,000 hours to grow the Saratoga Springs Public Library to include 4,000 users and over 20,000 items in its collection.

"Although my name is on it, this award is really meant for all the volunteers that have helped make the library a success," said Alexander. "It was easy for me to work on the library being retired with no kids at home, but the hundreds of volunteers who donated countless hours in making the library possible while juggling family and other responsibilities made the real sacrifices. Without the wonderful volunteers, the City's library would not be possible."

"Sue is a tremendous asset to our community," stated City Manager Mark Christensen. "Her dedication is evident in serving as Library Director on a volunteer basis in order for more funding to go directly to library programs. She and the many other library volunteers deserve all the credit for the success of our library and this award helps validate their efforts."

Alexander has been a resident of Saratoga Springs since 2005 after working for 33 years as a music educator and professional choral conductor in Fairfax County, Vir. She is the mother of two children and grandmother to six.

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