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Former NVDPL Board Member Honoured with Canadian Library Trustees' Association Award of Merit

A former North Vancouver District Public Library board member has received a major national award. At the May 11th British Columbia Library Trustees' (BCLTA) conference in Kelowna, Sally Gibson was honoured with the Canadian Library Trustees' Association (CLTA) Award of Merit. This revered national award is given to a trustee who has provided distinguished service as a trustee at the regional, provincial or national levels (at any two levels of outstanding service).

Sally Gibson's service to public libraries and to her community has been distinguished indeed. She served on the provincial trustees' board from 2001 – 2005, on the North Vancouver District Public Library board from 2003 – 2006 and on the board of the City of North Vancouver Public Library from 1997 – 2002.

An outstanding leader in the BC library community, Sally demonstrates her commitment in a variety of ways, from writing advocacy articles for newsletters, being a major catalyst for improved trustee education in BC, raising the profile of libraries during elections and supporting the work of other groups in the library community. A former resident of the District of North Vancouver, Sally now lives in the City of North Vancouver.

In her acceptance speech for the CLTA Award of Merit, Sally emphasized her lifelong dedication to libraries and literacy: "Who isn't passionate about public libraries? If you realize the value of literacy, if you embrace the notion of intellectual freedom, if you believe in creating invigorating public spaces – how can you not love libraries?"

The North Vancouver District Public Library congratulates Sally Gibson on this exciting achievement.

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Photo attached: Sally Gibson (centre), receiving the CLTA Award of Merit from Lawrence Lavender, President Elect of CLTA and Linda Cook, President of the Canadian Library Association (right)