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Library Staff Members Receive Virginia Public Library Directors Awards

(ROANOKE COUNTY, VA – July 11, 2023) The Virginia Public Library Directors Association recognized the Roanoke County Public Library staff with the Outstanding Staff Member Award and the Outstanding Service Innovation Award.

Jennifer Whitcomb (Senior Library Assistant, Vinton Branch Library) was recognized with the Outstanding Staff Member Award for her leadership abilities, commitment to the library profession, initiative, willingness to share her skill with others, and for the excellent service she provides to the community.

The Outstanding Service Innovation Award was given to the library's Books to Grow program, developed and launched by the South County Library Children's Department (Rebecca Ventola, Tara Smith, Julie Scanlon, Di Gagnier, Julianne Woodson, Kennah Hebert, and Haley McCoy), was honored in this category. The program offers a story time kit-in-a-box service for all patrons, supporting their efforts to focus on early literacy skills in the home.

The service was recognized for its innovative approach, and its potential to be replicated at other libraries throughout the state.

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