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ABBE Library Trustee, Terri Smith, Wins Statewide Library Award

Columbia, SC – Terri Smith of the Barnwell County Library Board of Trustees has received the Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) Outstanding Individual Award in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the public library capital campaign in Barnwell.

The award was announced at the FOSCL annual meeting on April 18, 2009 at the Richland County Public Library. Gwen Littlejohn of Blackville, a FOSCL officer, Wendy Burnett, the executive director of the Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County, and Mary Jo Dawson, director of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library System attended the meeting.

During the awards presentation, Dawson reviewed Smith's work on the Building a Love For Learning Campaign which culminated in the opening of a refurbished Blackville Branch Library and new Barnwell County Public Library building in 2005. In December 2008, the debt owned on construction of the headquarters library building was paid in full, one year ahead of schedule.

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