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Mr. Carl R. Sandstedt, Director
Saint Charles City-County Library District
77 Boone Hills Drive, Box 529
St. Peters, MO 63376-0529

Dear Mr. Sandstedt:

It is with a deep sense of pride and satisfaction that I convey congratulations to you and the staff of the Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library in O'Fallon upon its selection by the Government Printing Office as the recipient of its 2007 Depository Library of the Year Award.

It is notable to mention that your library was selected from 1,300 Federal Depository Library sites for this award. Criteria employed to determine the recipient included: outstanding service in meeting the needs of users for Federal government information, creativity and innovation in developing specific community programs for the use of this information or dramatically increasing your community's use of Federal government information, and leadership in creating public service programs that other Federal Depository Libraries can emulate.

Although the Federal government document collection is extensive and covers a broad range of topics, your staff made it accessible through a unique "user friendly" web portal, understandable via a logical method of organization, and easy to use by nearly anyone who desired information. One of the more unique features your staff developed was a special collection of internet sites called "Uncle Sam for Kids" that helps young people obtain Federal information for homework assignments. Anna Sylvan, your Information Resource Manager, played a significant role in creating these tools.

A well-informed electorate is indispensable to the American form of government. You and your staff have established a standard of excellence that will not soon be eclipsed, and in doing so, you also have strengthened the very foundations of the freedoms that we now enjoy. Congratulations on your fine work!

Sincerely,



W. Todd Akin
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