

Librarians Serve on Prestigious Award Committees

It's no secret that Librarians love to read and Deschutes Public Library's Youth Services Manager Heather McNeil got more than her fill this year while serving on the distinguished Newbery Medal committee. Considered the "Academy Awards" of children's book publishing, The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year.

"This was the greatest honor of my 25 years in library service," said Bend Library Co-Manager and Library Children's Services Manager Heather McNeil. "I was impressed with the integrity of the process to allow us to fully consider and discuss every book under consideration." The winning book was *Kira-Kira* by author Cynthia Kadohata.

Outreach Manager, Jo Caisse, served as a member of the distinguished Andrew Carnegie Medal Award for Excellence in Children's Video that honors an outstanding American video production for children released during the previous year. The award is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of American Library Association.

"This was a truly wonderful experience for me to receive an appointment to this award committee," said Caisse. "The group of librarians I worked with was truly an incredibly, talented group, each bringing to the table diverse views—a great committee that I had the honor to serve on."

You can find more information about the Carnegie award at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/carnegiemedal/carnegiecurrent/carnegiemedal.htm>.

The Spirit of Sisters

The Sisters Community will soon have a new and larger library building. The new library will be 8,300 square feet and located on the east end of town. Richard Turi designed the building and Cisneros Construction is the contractor of the new library.

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Moyer Family to the Deschutes Public Library Foundation and the continued generous support of the Friends of the Sisters Public Library, we were able to include a list of enhancements including a beautiful fireplace and hearth in the reading area. A pine tree quilt design will grace the lobby's floor and the walls will be accented with wood paneling. Wainscoting will enrich the large meeting room. The building is set to open in late fall 2005.

Peg Bermel, Sisters Public Library Manager



The new Sisters Public Library currently under construction.