



Hall of Fame Librarian

Molly Carver, Retired Executive Director, Sandusky Library

Molly Carver, retired Executive Director of the Sandusky Library, is the recipient of this year's Hall of Fame Librarian award, one of the state's highest honors in the library profession. The recognition celebrates Carver's extraordinary four-decade career, defined by visionary leadership, community engagement, and unwavering commitment to the values of public libraries.

Molly began her career at Sandusky Library in 1985, where she quickly rose through the ranks and became a respected leader in library administration. As Director of the Bellevue Public Library, she oversaw key milestones, including a successful tax levy and a major building expansion, before returning to Sandusky as Executive Director. There, she led a multimillion-dollar restoration of the historic library, securing grant funding to complete the project without taxpayer dollars. Her forward-thinking approach to budgeting, infrastructure, and strategic planning ensured the long-term health and vitality of the libraries she served.



Her influence extends far beyond her local communities. Molly served as President of the OLC Board of Directors and chaired the Government Relations Committee, where she was a powerful voice in advocating for Ohio's Public Library Fund and statewide resource sharing. As an early and active member of CLEVNET, she played a pivotal role in developing the consortium's pricing and governance structures, promoting collaboration and cost-efficiency across dozens of libraries.

In addition to her professional achievements, Molly has been a trailblazer in civic engagement. She made history as the first female president of the Bellevue Rotary Club and has contributed her time and expertise to numerous school boards, city advisory committees, and local initiatives. Her unwavering dedication to intellectual freedom, equity, and access has made a profound and lasting impact, both in her community and across the state.

In recognition of her exceptional leadership, dedication to the profession, and profound impact on library services in Ohio, Molly has been named a Hall of Fame Librarian.