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Heather Ogilvie Receives the Maria Chavez-Hernandez “Libraries Change Peoples Lives” Award from Florida Library Association

(Panama City, Fla.) Heather Ogilvie, Outreach Librarian at the Bay County Public Library, has been awarded the prestigious Maria Chavez-Hernandez “Libraries Change Peoples Lives” award from the Florida Library Association. The awards ceremony was part of the Florida Library Association’s annual conference held May 23-25th at the Caribe Royale in Orlando. Award recipients were selected from a large number of applicants for the quality of their service to their local communities, their colleges and universities, and to the library profession.

The Maria Chavez-Hernandez “Libraries Change Peoples Lives” award honors a library or librarian who has made a demonstrably positive and big difference in the lives of Florida’s library users; especially outreach to under-served populations. Heather Ogilvie goes above and beyond to provide library services outside of the library walls. She builds relationships within the community. Heather routinely visits assisted living facilities and memory care units throughout Bay County for the *Conversations for Seniors* program. She provides basic library services and programming to lifelong library users who cannot easily access the library on their own. Additional programming includes *Storytime Mondays* at the Panama City Mall and *Steamtastic Tuesdays* at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Heather Ogilvie makes lifelong learning fun through books, art, and creative play for all ages.

“Librarians and their staff are superheroes in communities throughout Florida,” said FLA President-Elect Sarah Hammill, Business & Online Learning Librarian for Florida International University. “I commend the FLA Awards Committee for their considered deliberation of the many stellar nominations this year. The leaders and the important projects showcased by this year’s winners is a true testament to the vital work being done in libraries around the state.”

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Call 850-522-2120 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information.

The Florida Library Association is a statewide organization that promotes excellence in Florida libraries by advocating strongly for libraries and providing high quality professional and leadership development for a diverse community of library staff, volunteers, and supporters.

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