

Macalester's DeWitt Wallace Library receives the Excellence in Academic Library Award for 2016

St. Paul, Minn. – Macalester's DeWitt Wallace Library has received the 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award for the "college" category. Three libraries - one small college, one community college, and a university library - are recognized each year.

Sponsored by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Yankee Book Peddler (YBP) Library Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution.

"I have the pleasure of working with extremely talented, creative, and dedicated people, and this is affirmation for every one of them because each and every one contributes so much every day," said Terri Fishel, library director at Macalester College. "I am delighted to have their work recognized by receiving this distinguished award. Thanks so much to the members of the selection committee."

DeWitt Wallace Library was chosen for its assessment, collaboration, and diversity initiatives and efforts.

"Macalester College impressed the committee with its use of data gathered from various assessment initiatives, including an ethnographic study, to drive their progress, leading to greater impact on their campus," said Trevor Dawes, chair of the 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Committee and associate university librarian at Washington University in St. Louis. "The DeWitt Wallace Library's variety of collaborative relationships, such as those with IT and the Center for Scholarship and Teaching, among many others both on and off campus, was quite noteworthy."

"The library's partnership with AdvanceIT Minnesota to encourage greater female participation in STEM fields is to be commended," Dawes added. "The program goals are to increase 'the diversity of the future Information Technology workforce, to empower girls to engage in STEM education and fields, to bring higher education and college to the forefront for those who may need that exposure, and to create a community among girls and young women as they prepare for college and the workforce.'"

The other two recipients were: The Hudson County Community College Library in Jersey City, New Jersey, which won the community college category, impressed the committee with its impact on student learning, campus technology, and outreach services, and the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which won in the university category, was selected for transformative change in innovative services and programs.

Each winning library (<http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/?m=all>) will receive \$3,000 and a plaque, to be



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presented at an award ceremony held on each recipient's campus.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,138 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>).

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