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2019 New Hampshire Library of the Year

September 23, 2019 - The Goffstown Public Library has been recognized and named as the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association's 2019 Library of the Year. The award will be presented in a ceremony at the Library on October 10 at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Aimee Huntemann, Chair of the Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees made the announcement on Friday, September 20, and said "The efforts of our Library Director, Dianne Hathaway, were a major contributing factor in the Goffstown Public Library being selected for this award. Our involvement in bringing the Courageous Community Conversations programs to Goffstown, as well as our partnerships with the other community organizations that worked with us on these programs were also highlighted as reasons our Library was named NHLTA Library of the Year for 2019."

"This award is a great honor for our hardworking team, the Library Board of Trustees, and the Goffstown community. We look forward to continuing to provide a great return on the investment in the Library," said Library Director Dianne Hathaway.

This award is given to a New Hampshire Library that has demonstrated expansion and improvement of services and technology, expanded services to previously under-served parts of the community, developed partnerships with other libraries and community organizations and has proven value to the community measured by relationships with and support from town officials and members of the community.

In early 2019, the Goffstown Public Library collaborated with community partners to create the Courageous Community Conversations series designed to help us understand many racial and cultural issues, as well as provide a starting point to open up the conversation about race and diversity in Goffstown. Attendance at classes, programs, and events increased 21.2% last year, expanding the Library's reach to attendees of all ages and abilities. The Goffstown Public Library continues to increase awareness of our community's needs and interests, and respond to public suggestions, such as adding online resources like Universal Class to provide digital and remote learning options for the community. In addition, each year the Library partners with local organizations, business and charities to collaborate, educate and inform, taking advantage of the available opportunities to share information and provide services to all members of the public.

The award ceremony at the Library on October 10 at 6 p.m. is open to the community and all are invited to join us in celebrating this honor, cake and punch will be served.

About Goffstown Public Library

The Goffstown Public Library is located at 2 High Street in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Built in 1909, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995, and currently serves a population of over 18,000. In support of its mission, the Library offers a wide variety of services and more than 450 free programs each year. For more information, visit www.goffstownlibrary.com.