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Eric Stackhouse Receives 2011 CAPL/Brodart Outstanding Public Library Service Award

(April 11, 2011, Ottawa) The Canadian Association of Public Libraries (CAPL) and Brodart Canada are pleased to announce Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library as the 2011 recipient of the CAPL/Brodart Outstanding Public Library Service Award. Sponsored by Brodart Canada, the award is given annually in the field of Canadian public librarianship to a recipient for outstanding service in the field.

Eric Stackhouse's contributions to librarianship have had a significant and lasting impact on a provincial, national and international level. Mary MacLellan, Chair of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board, shares that Eric "has exemplified himself as an outstanding provider of quality library services to all communities in his region".

In his role as Chief Librarian of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, the system has grown and flourished. Eric has spearheaded many unique partnerships, including the Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program in partnership with the RCMP. Adopt-A-Library works by connecting policing agencies together with libraries, public or school. The police act as the "bridge" between the community and the library through programs and activities that directly impact literacy amongst children. Started over 10 years ago, the program has grown to include over 250 chapters around the world.

Eric has a passion for technology and he is a driving force in the CAP program at both a regional and national level. He is chair of the North Shore CAP Society and he has been instrumental in the continued government support of this essential program. In 2006, Eric was awarded the Dr. Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership by the Nova Scotia Library Association. In 2009, Mr. Stackhouse accepted the CLA/Information Today Award for Innovative Technology, on behalf of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

Most recently, Eric has been instrumental in the creation and construction of the People's Place. The People's Place is a joint project of the Town of Antigonish, the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. It is a state-of-the-art facility tailor-made to meet the needs of the community and is a model for the role of public libraries in the digital age.

The CAPL/Brodart Outstanding Public Library Service Award will be presented to Eric Stackhouse at a reception at the World Trade & Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia following the CAPL Annual

General Meeting on Friday, May 27 as part of the 2011 Canadian Library Association National Conference & Trade Show.

The Canadian Association of Public Libraries (CAPL) is a division of the Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques. CLA is Canada's largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interests of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians and library workers, and all those concerned about enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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