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**Announcing the 2017 recipients of the Pat Jobb Service Award: Anne Carr-Wiggin, Maureen Curry, and Margaret Law recognized for outstanding service**

Anne Carr-Wiggin, Maureen Curry and Margaret Law are the 2017 recipients of The Alberta Library's Pat Jobb Service Award. The award recognizes outstanding service and significant contribution to Alberta's library community.

**Anne Carr-Wiggin**, current Director of NEOS, started her career as a librarian and employee of The Alberta Library. She played a key role in establishing and coordinating several of TAL's flagship programs, including Netspeed, The Alberta Library Card province wide reciprocal borrowing initiative, and the Online Reference Centre for Alberta Learning. In 2003 she moved on to the University of Alberta Libraries in the position of Manager for the NEOS Consortium. She has played a crucial role in guiding the direction of NEOS into the outstanding consortium it is today. Anne is active in the University of Alberta's partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and as alternate Team Lead for the Canadian Federation of Library Associations Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

**Maureen Curry** took up the reins as CEO of the Grande Prairie Public Library (GPPL) in 2013. Her aim was to grow the library's services in a way that would properly serve the city's growing population. Maureen has expanded the number of local partnerships within her library to include the Grande Prairie Genealogical Society, Centre for Newcomers, Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, and the French Language Resource Centre located on-site at the Grande Prairie Public Library. She has implemented innovative programs such as device bars, robotics programs, and other modernization initiatives that anticipated a growing and changing demographic. Maureen has successfully championed the permanent removal of library fees for the residents of Grande Prairie and surrounding communities, a move which more than doubled the number of GPPL library memberships.

**Margaret Law's** career in Alberta libraries epitomizes The Alberta Library's (TAL's) mission of strengthening communities through collaboration. While holding the position of Director of Parkland Regional Library System, she played a major role in the formation of the extensive library collaboration in Alberta that is enjoyed to this day. She was instrumental in the founding of TAL as an organization. Margaret helped define and champion a clear vision for TAL: that resources from all libraries in Alberta be accessible to all Albertans, regardless of whether the resources were located in a public or academic library. Margaret left the public library sector in 1997 to take a position with the University of Alberta. As Associate

University Librarian (International Relations) and Director, Copyright Office, she found many opportunities to build consortia partnerships in Alberta and across the world.

“Anne Carr-Wiggin, Maureen Curry, and Margaret Law, each have worked tirelessly over the years in creating a collaborative, innovative, forward-looking library environment in Alberta” says The Alberta Library’s Board Chair Ron Sheppard. “They personify many of the qualities we aspire to as an organization.”

This award recognizes the legacies of those within the Alberta library community. It was named in honour of Pat Jobb, a respected and much loved leader in the library profession in Alberta. Pat played a leading role in the creation of The Alberta Library. She passed away in 2012.

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