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Prince William Library Foundation Awards \$1,000 Scholarships to Library System Volunteers

(Prince William County, VA, 06/13/2014)... To the delight of family and friends, as well as the Library Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation Board of Directors, and the library staff, the Prince William Library Foundation awarded scholarships to two worthy Prince William Public Library System volunteers, at a reception held at the Library's Administrative Offices at Chinn Park. Two students received \$1,000 scholarships.

After a very competitive process, Samantha Vanderveldt, a Haymarket resident and volunteer at Gainesville Neighborhood Library and Deborah Turner, a Gainesville resident who also volunteers at Gainesville Neighborhood Library, were the scholarship award winners. Samantha has volunteered 431 hours and Deborah has volunteered 461 hours. Samantha will be attending George Mason University in the fall and majoring in Applied Information Technology. Deborah will be attending Pensacola Christian College in the fall and majoring in Music.

“This is the third annual scholarship award presentation from the Prince William Library Foundation and we are honored to give back to these volunteers who have supported the Library System,” said Byanna Altman, President of the Prince William Library Foundation. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must be active Library volunteers or be related to an active volunteer, as well as meeting other criteria.

“Though the scholarship is intended to be used for tuition, books, or related fees, the scholarship recipients may use any funds awarded in the manner they believe best aids their personal educational objective.” said Connie Gilman, Library System Director.

Samantha and Deborah, along with all the candidates for the scholarships, were required to submit letters of recommendation for each school or community activity. “These students met many requirements in order to qualify for this award, and I was pleased to have been part of this initiative.” noted Library Board of



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Trustees' Chairman, Burk Andrews, who served on the Selection Committee for the scholarship.

In addition to Chairman Andrews of the Occoquan District, two other members of the Library Board of Trustees, Taalibah Hassan, the At-Large Trustee and William Boyce, the City of Manassas Trustee, served on the Selection Committee.

For more information on the winners and their accomplishments, visit the Prince William Library Foundation website at www.pwcgov.org/libraryfoundation

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ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Prince William Public Library System is a ten-branch library system serving the citizens of Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. We offer a world of information! For more information, visit our website at www.pwcgov.org/library or call or visit any of our local Prince William Public Libraries.