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# Thursday, December 17, 2009

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[Link](#) to December 17 *School Library Journal* post, "West Bend Community Memorial Library Wins Intellectual Freedom Award".

**Excerpt:** *The [West Bend Community Memorial Library](#), located just outside of Milwaukee, WI, is making news again—but this time it's being honored for defending intellectual freedom in the face of a library challenge that gained national attention earlier this year.*

Library director Michael Tyree (left front row in white shirt) and his staff are recipients of the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award.

*Library director Michael Tyree and his staff are recipients of the 2009 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, given by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at*

*Urbana-Champaign, which voted overwhelmingly in favor of the library winning this year's honor.*

*"The West Bend librarians, library board, and library supporters demonstrated the strong and steadfast advocacy on behalf of intellectual freedom that is the focus of the Downs Award," says Christine Jenkins, GSLIS associate professor and director of the Center for Children's Books "Despite the enormous media attention that the controversy received, they were unwavering in their support of the public library's responsibility to provide a diverse collection to serve \*all\* community members."*

So far, no comment from WISSUP.