

8-31-2009

West Bend Public Library Wins Wisconsin ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award

Michael Zimmer

Follow this and additional works at: http://dc.uwm.edu/west_bend_library_challenge



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Zimmer, Michael, "West Bend Public Library Wins Wisconsin ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award" (2009). *West Bend Community Memorial Library (Wisconsin), 2009*. Paper 430.
http://dc.uwm.edu/west_bend_library_challenge/430

This Blog Post is brought to you for free and open access by UWM Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in West Bend Community Memorial Library (Wisconsin), 2009 by an authorized administrator of UWM Digital Commons. For more information, please contact kristinw@uwm.edu.

[West Bend Public Library Wins Wisconsin ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award](#)

Posted on: August 31, 2009

Posted in: [Information Ethics](#), [Libraries](#)

Comments: [0 Comments](#)

In the wake of the [ongoing controversy over select Young Adult books](#) at the [West Bend Community Memorial Library](#), the [Intellectual Freedom Round Table](#) of the [Wisconsin Library Association](#) has named Director Michael Tyree and Young Adult Librarian Kristin Pekoll, along with the other staff, members of the Library Board, supportive community members (especially blogger/organizer [Maria Hanrahan](#)), as winners of the 2009 [Wisconsin ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award](#).

The announcement can be found in the [latest WLA newsletter](#) (p. 11, authored by [Elizabeth Buchanan](#) and myself), and includes the following praise:

Our colleagues at West Bend Public Library were indeed tested. Going through any challenge requires commitment, professional integrity—and guts. It is a long mental and physical process and, with each day, a new commitment to the core values of intellectual freedom in our profession is required. Our colleagues met this challenge and, while this case may not be over, it is our hope that they can be proud of their actions and their firm standing in the face of strong controversy.

Congratulations!