



The Friends of the Richardson Public Library

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Friends of the Richardson Public Library Awards 2016 Dot McCalpin Scholarship

Richardson, Texas, May 17, 2016 – The Friends of the Richardson Public Library (FOL) announced today that Ms. Megan Hertel and Mr. Siman Shrestha of Richardson, Texas, have each been awarded a 2016 Dot McCalpin Scholarship, given each year in honor of the late Richardson civic leader and past president of the Friends of the Library. Each scholarship is a one-time grant valued at \$2,000, and it is awarded to teens who excel at scholastics, volunteer at the Richardson Public Library, and give of their time in school-based and community-based activities.

Ms. Hertel is graduating from Bishop Lynch High School and will be attending the University of Florida in the Fall, and Mr. Shrestha is graduating from Plano East Senior High and will be attending Texas A&M in the Fall.

“We at the FOL are delighted to be able to help deserving Library volunteers in their academic goals,” said FOL Scholarship Committee Chair William J. ‘Bill’ McCalpin. “Making this award is one of the high points in the year for the FOL, and we are very happy for both Ms. Hertel and Mr. Shrestha.”

About the Friends of the Richardson Public Library

The Friends of the Richardson Public Library, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, is a service organization dedicated to the mission of helping the Richardson Public Library and its staff be a critical educational and cultural resource for the City and its broader service area. The FOL accomplishes its mission both through direct gifts to the Library and through service-focused activities. These gifts and services enable the Library to go “over and above” its budget to be able to deliver superior services to the residents of the

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City of Richardson, the Richardson Independent School District, and the Library's multi-county service area.

The FOL "recycles" tens of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and other material each year, raising thousands of dollars for the Library through two book sales a year and keeping valuable printed and electronic media out of the landfill. The FOL sponsors other community activities and arts events, such as the InPerson series which brings Texas authors to Richardson and the BookArts series in which the literary arts and other arts such as music are blended in a single event. The FOL also supports staff-focused activities such as sponsoring lunches, attendance at book-related events, and college scholarships for teen volunteers.

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