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K-State Libraries honored several employees at its annual recognition ceremony on March 27, 2019.

HOBROCK AND SUPPORT STAFF AWARDS ARE FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE K-STATE LIBRARIES.



BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Char Simser, coordinator of electronic publishing, was recognized for outstanding faculty librarianship. She supports the open access digital publication of peer-reviewed journals, monographs and conference proceedings and events. She also coordinates all operations of New Prairie Press. Simser received her master's in library and information science from the University of South Florida.



DEAN'S AWARD

Renée Gates, IT coordinator, received the Dean's Award, which recognizes a non-tenure track professional's contributions in the previous two academic years. Gates manages the internal Libraries IT unit, which provides desktop, equipment and account support for Libraries employees. After the Hale Library fire, Gates and her team were responsible for getting more than 90 employees set up with new technology.



DEAN'S AWARD

Kathryn Talbot, preservation coordinator, was also honored for her outstanding contributions over the last two years. Talbot manages digital preservation and supervises employees who physically care for the collections. She was key in implementing the Libraries' disaster plan after the fire and played a core role in the process of removing 1.5 million books and other items from the building.



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

Marcia Eaton, library assistant III, received Support Staff of the Year honors for her exceptional contributions and dedication to daily tasks. Eaton began in 2018 as the sole lender in Interlibrary Services. After the fire she switched to working in borrowing and took on more responsibility than ever.

THE 2019 KIRMSER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Kirmser Awards, which are made possible through a gift from the Philip and Jeune Kirmser estate, recognize and promote outstanding undergraduate scholarship. Applications are evaluated in part on use of library resources. Each grand prize winner receives \$1,000, and their work is deposited in the online K-State Research Exchange.

Group research category: Social work majors **Macy Heinrich**, senior, Abilene; **Brooklyn Jesseph**, junior, Wichita; and **Colette Shields**, sophomore, De Soto, completed their project, "Adverse Childhood Experiences Lead to Depression," for Social Research Methods & Analysis taught by

Jung Sim Jun, assistant professor of social work.

Individual non-freshman category: **Aubrey Busenitz**, senior in civil engineering, Tecumseh, completed "Feasibility Study of Bioretention Cells" for Written Communications for Engineers taught by Marcella Reekie, instructor in English.

THE MORSE SCHOLARSHIP

The \$3,000 Marjorie J. & Richard L. D. Morse Family and Community Public Policy Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate project that encourages the development of public policy for improving the quality of family and community life. The 2019 winner, **Alec Hathaway**, senior in strategic communications with a minor in political science, spearheaded promotion of the Manhattan Habitat for Humanity Women Build campaign, which aims to attract more women to their corps of volunteers.

