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## **TWO HONORS FOR COUNTY LIBRARY**

Catawba County Library System has received two awards from the North Carolina Public Library Directors' Association.

Library Director Karen Foss was on hand to accept honors for the new Conover Branch facility and Battle of the Books programming presented at the NCPLDA annual awards banquet December 6 in Winston-Salem.

The Conover Branch was recognized for "Outstanding Facility Under 10,000 Square Feet" as well as for "Outstanding Children's/Family Program for a Medium Library."

"I was so very pleased to accept these awards on behalf of the library," Foss said. "We are very proud of the Conover Branch and programming offered there."

The Conover Branch moved to the upfitted Conover Station in September 2011 in the former Warlong Glove factory, part of the city's Brownfield redevelopment project. The renovated space, which respects the vintage character of the building, expanded the library branch by a third and provides an attractive, airy facility that will eventually house a railway station. The building is near a city park that is part of the Carolina Thread Trail.

The Battle of the Books Jamboree organized by librarian Siobhan Loendorf, was held earlier this year to help orient students to the competition designed to encourage reading of good books and test their knowledge of the material. Loendorf invited students in grades 5-8 to mixers to prepare for the annual competition.

Catawba County Library System, headquartered in Newton, also operates six branches including Conover, Claremont, Maiden, Sherrills Ford, St. Stephens and Southwest (Mountain View).