



Pam Scott receives Lee's Summit Literacy Award

Pam Scott, library media specialist at Sunset Valley Elementary, was recently selected to receive the 2011 Lee's Summit Reading Council Literacy Award. She was nominated and selected based on her exemplary service in the promotion of literacy.

She will be honored at a ceremony scheduled for 4:30 p.m. May 23 at the Sunset Valley Elementary library media center, 1850 SE Ranson Road. The event is open to the public.

Mrs. Scott previously served as library media specialist at Highland Park Elementary School before moving to Sunset Valley. She helped open the school's library in August 2009 when Sunset Valley opened. In addition, she has worked as a classroom teacher in kindergarten through third grade, as a parent educator with Parents As Teachers and as a library clerk. In all, she has worked for Lee's Summit R-7 for 27 years.

She has been named a finalist in the R-7 Teacher of the Year program and her library program was named Outstanding Elementary Library Media Program by the Greater Kansas City Association of School Librarians in 2008.

A Lee's Summit resident, Mrs. Scott earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Central Missouri and her master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri.

In nomination forms, Mrs. Scott was praised for her outstanding support of school staff members, her focus on student literacy and her love of reading.

"She is a classroom teacher's best friend in that she jumps at the request for support materials," said a colleague. "Pam knows the curriculum of most grade levels like the back of her hand and provides quality supplemental instruction to teachers."

In addition to her job at the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, Mrs. Scott teaches continuing education classes related to children's literature at Baker University and is a frequent presenter at educational conferences.

This is the 29th year that the Reading Council has presented these awards.

The Lee's Summit Reading Council is a chapter of the International Reading Association and is one of Missouri's largest and most active chapters. A number of the chapter's members are educators within the Lee's Summit R-7 School District.