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Lompoc Library Director Nominated For Valley Of The Flowers Peace Prize *Sarah Bleyl has been with the City of Lompoc since 2015*

LOMPOC, CA, Oct. 3, 2017 – City of Lompoc Public Library Director Sarah Bleyl has been nominated for the 2017 Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize.

Bleyl, who joined the Lompoc Public Library System as its director in October 2015, is the second person after Shawndel Malcolm nominated so far for the 2017 Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize. Bleyl previously served as assistant director for the Kern County Library System.

Nominations are still being accepted prior to December 1 for the Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize winner that will be announced at a ceremony on Jan. 28 at Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ in Vandenberg Village.

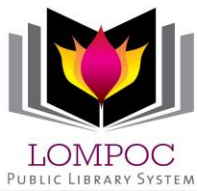
Each fall, a Peace Prize committee that is part of the church accepts nominations of people who “have contributed to the peace, harmony and understanding of the Lompoc community” Winners’ names are engraved on the trophy, which the winner keeps for the year until a new recipient is announced.

Bleyl says her entire staff at the Lompoc and Vandenberg Village library branches, as well as the Charlotte’s Web Mobile Children’s Library, is deserving of the Peace Prize recognition.

“I’m honored to be nominated for the Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize on behalf of my staff. Because of our wonderful and creative library employees, we are able to provide our community year-round with a variety of literacy resources as well as unique clubs and activities,” Bleyl says. “I hope this recognition puts a spotlight on the importance of literacy and life-long learning to our community, and how our Lompoc libraries play an important role in these.”

Nominations for the 2017 Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize can be made prior to December 1 by calling committee chairperson Allie Kay Spaulding at 741-7000, or e-mailing Alliekay31@comcast.net.

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