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### **Lompoc Library Wins Valley Of The Flowers Peace Prize**

*Sarah Bleyl was one of 11 nominees*

**LOMPOC, CA, Jan. 29, 2018** – City of Lompoc Public Library Director Sarah Bleyl and her library staff have won the 2017 Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize.

Bleyl, who joined the Lompoc Public Library System as its director in October 2015, was one of 11 nominees for the Peace Prize, including Lompoc City Councilwoman Jenelle Osborne and Victim Advocate Sabrina Ross, who works for the North County Rape Crisis Center out of the Lompoc Police Department. Bleyl was nominated to represent the Lompoc Public Library System for the award.

She previously served as assistant director for the Kern County Library System.

Bleyl was announced as winner of the 2017 Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize during a ceremony on Sun. Jan. 28 at Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ in Vandenberg Village. Bleyl was nominated because of the Lompoc Library System's accomplishments including increased community events and growing the summer reading program.

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 said the Peace Prize belongs to her entire staff at the Lompoc and Vandenberg Village library branches, as well as the Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library.

"I'm surprised and so honored to receive this tremendous recognition on behalf of my wonderful library staff," Bleyl said. "My hope is that this award spotlights the importance of libraries to life-long learning and literacy, as well as community togetherness."

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