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Donna Farrior (left), 2015 Marcus R. Tower Service Award recipient, is pictured with Amber Lins, literacy student; Katherine Silvey, development coordinator for the Tulsa Library Trust; and Gary Shaffer, Tulsa City-County Library CEO, at the 41st annual Volunteer Recognition Award ceremony. Courtesy

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The Tulsa City-County Library annually benefits from the work of some 900 local residents who donate their time and talent to help the library's staff and programs.

Those volunteers who contributed a total of 35,000 hours of service at the system's various libraries were honored recently at the Volunteer Recognition Award ceremony, held at Martin Regional Library.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the 2015 Marcus R. Tower Service Award to Donna Farrior. The award, sponsored by the Bank of Oklahoma and the Tulsa Library Trust, consists of a crystal award and \$1,500 to designate to a library service or program of their choice.

Farrior began volunteering with the Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy program in 2006 as an adult literacy tutor and also has served as a member of the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award selection committee.

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She works as a trainer for other literacy tutors and assists women in the Literacy/Pre-GED class at the Tulsa Dream Center, which enables young women to improve their education as part of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

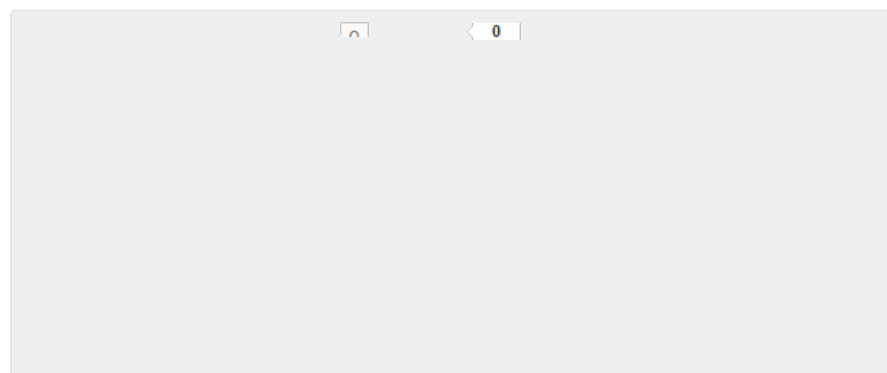
Volunteers were also recognized during the evening for their years and hours of service, including Karen Smith, with 20 years of service, and Marty Laughlin, with more than 12,500 volunteer hours.

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