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Roanoke County Public Library Recognized by Virginia Library Association

(Roanoke County, VA – September 30, 2020) – Roanoke County Public Library (RCPL) has been named Virginia Library Association's (VLA) 2020 Public Library Innovator. VLA's Awards and Recognition Committee selected winners in eight categories, honoring staff from academic, public, and special libraries across the commonwealth for their exemplary contributions to their communities and profession.

The Public Library Innovator award recognizes public librarians or library staff who have made an outstanding contribution to advance the mission of a public library in Virginia through an innovative project, program, or service during the nomination period. Roanoke County Public Library was selected for its commitment to equitable access to high-tech for everyone, representative of their tagline "We'll meet you at your wonder." RCPL's team has embraced the world of artificial intelligence, robotics, and coding through first-of-its-kind technology programs, and by building a community of strong digital citizens who are understand the promises and pitfalls of technology.

RCPL is the highest circulating in the area, and its programs continue to draw large numbers of people, even as they have transitioned to a virtual format. Staff continues to embrace new technology, including robots who contribute the hardware and software upon which much of the programming is developed.

RCPL is here to guide you from your now to your next. There are six libraries in Roanoke County: South County Library, Bent Mountain, Glenvar, Hollins, Mount Pleasant, and Vinton. For more information, call (540) 772-7507 or visit rocolibrary.org. Connect with us on social media: @rocopublib.

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