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Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) Recognizes Exemplary School Library Program with Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award

Norwalk, CT- The Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) is proud to announce the winner of this year's esteemed Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award, honoring a school library program that exemplifies the principles outlined in AASL's National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries. The award recognizes the recipient's commitment to providing an exceptional library media program that supports student learning and development.

CASL, a leading professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence in school library media programs, understands the crucial role that school libraries play in fostering the intellectual growth and academic success of students.

Renee Neiger, recipient of the Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award has demonstrated outstanding dedication to creating an impactful library media program which empowers students to become critical thinkers, effective researchers, and lifelong learners. The program leverages resources, technology, and instructional strategies to enhance student learning outcomes and support the broader educational goals of the school community.

"Renee Neiger is not just a librarian; she is a visionary who has transformed our library into a hub of discovery and collaboration. Her efforts have had a lasting impact on our students and school community, and her program is a shining example of what a modern school library can and should be," said Dr. Jennifer Masone, Principal of Cranbury School.

"The Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award celebrates the outstanding achievements of this exemplary school library program," said Jenny Lussier, Past President of CASL. "Renee Neiger has showcased a deep commitment to providing a dynamic learning environment that promotes information literacy, critical thinking, and collaboration. We are thrilled to honor her for her exceptional efforts."

The recipient of the Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award receives a monetary prize of \$1000.00 in recognition of their exceptional program.

For more information about CASL and the Bunny Yesner School Library Media Program of the Year Award, please visit the CASL website at <https://casl.wildapricot.org/>. To learn more about AASL's National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries, please visit <https://standards.aasl.org/>

About CASL:

The Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) is a professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence in school library media programs and school libraries throughout Connecticut. CASL advocates for strong school library media programs that meet the needs of the entire school community and provide a foundation for lifelong learning. CASL recognizes members with awards and grants for outstanding programs that demonstrate creativity, collaboration, and integration into the school's curriculum.