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NEWS RELEASE!

Pete Barrell at the Cottage Grove Public Library receives prestigious "Mover & Shaker" Award from Library Journal Magazine!

Pete Barrell of the Cottage Grove Public Library has been named a "Mover & Shaker" in the library profession by the national publication *Library Journal.*

In it's March 15, 2017 issue, *Library Journal* named 52 outstanding professionals committed to providing excellent service and shaping the future of libraries.

Library Journal honored Pete Barrell because of his special dedication to Intellectual Freedom, and to providing culturally diverse collections, programs and events for the people of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Pete Barrell currently serves the City of Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Public Library as Community Services Director. The Cottage Grove Public Library serves Cottage Grove, a town of 10,000 people located in the Southern Willamette Valley of Western Oregon.

This years class of 52 joins a group of talented professionals who are dedicated, innovative, and passionate - each alone and all together, transforming the library world and the communities it impacts for the better.

Pete Barrell has served as Director of the Cottage Grove Public Library for nine years, and during that time has expanded and diversified the libraries collection, and has brought programs, exhibits and special events to the library and community including: Smithsonian Human Origins Exhibit (one of only 19 libraries nation-wide selected to host this fantastic exhibit!); multiple NASA exhibits and programs including, "Visions of the Universe"; Astro for Girls, and annual NASA Astronomer visits to do programs and workshops at the library and in the Middle and High Schools. Also, the Lincoln/Civil War Exhibit, Oregon is Indian Country, Picturing America, Pushing the Limits, Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, and many other grant funded exhibits, programs and opportunities have come to the Cottage Grove Public Library, all due to Pete's vision, energy and skill toward writing grants to a diversity of organizations. Pete also initiated a "Summer Camp" program that takes groups of children, ages 3 to 17, out into the spectacular landscapes of Western Oregon for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) inspired adventures where kids get to hike, kayak, swim, play, learn, explore and generally have a great time out in Nature while also learning amazing things about ecology, botany, geology, the arts and other inspiring topics!

The 2017 Movers & Shakers were selected by the editors of *Library Journal.* Each of the Movers and Shakers will be prominently featured in the March 15th issue of *Library Journal* and celebrated at a special reception in June during the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago, IL. The print feature's companion website is sponsored by OCLC and available at: http://libraryjournal.com/movers.

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