



SSLA Awards and Bursary

Biography of Award or Bursary Recipient

Dr. Alixe Hambleton Bursary 2010 Recipient – Tracy Woodward

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Tracy Woodward to be considered a recipient of the Dr. Alixe Hambleton Bursary. I have had the distinct pleasure of being Tracey's colleague for the past ten years, as well as the honour of being her friend and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this bursary.

As a colleague, I have great admiration for Tracy as she is a phenomenal teacher-librarian. She is truly a gift to her students, to her school and to the teaching profession. She is creative, enthusiastic, innovative, dedicated, and hardworking. Tracy strives to continually keep abreast of the latest developments in curriculum and technological advancement. She is also the first in line when it comes to working on committees or taking part in professional development opportunities, and therefore, she has many invaluable experiences which she shares generously with her colleagues. In addition, Tracy continually advocates for teacher-librarians in order to ensure their vital role in student learning is know by all.

Tracy gives 110% to her students and school staff. She spends endless hours collaboratively preparing and planning with her colleagues. She works diligently to develop a phenomenal and up to date library collection to support curriculum and instruction and to engage students in developing a love for reading. Tracy models and exemplifies what it means to be a learner and an instructional leader.

On a personal level, one could not ask for someone more caring, compassionate, and giving than Tracy. Her colleagues and I appreciate her loyalty, honesty, and integrity. Tracy is someone we can always count on. As a result of these attributes, Tracy has cultivated many strong personal and professional relationships

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