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Local School Librarian Awarded Library Media Teacher of the Year *Awarded by the California School Library Association.*

Lewis Middle School Librarian, **Sandy Rowland, was awarded the Library Media Teacher of the Year** by the California School Library Association last month. Mrs. Rowland will be honored by the Paso Robles Board of Trustees at this Tuesday's meeting in Paso Robles. The award is bestowed to one school librarian each year by the California School Library Association for being an outstanding teacher, instructional partner, information specialist and program administrator.

Mrs. Rowland has been with Paso Robles Public Schools since 1980. Rowland holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Arizona, a Masters Degree from San Jose State and various California teaching and library credentials. Rowland came to Paso Robles from Tuscon, Arizona where she taught at Maxwell Junior High School. She started in Paso Robles as a 6th grade teacher at Flamson Middle School. In 1998, Rowland became the Library Media Teacher at both Flamson and Lewis Middle Schools. In 1999, Rowland was became the Library Media Teacher at Lewis Middle School exclusively.

Rowland earned the award because she has made Lewis Middle School's library into the "information hub" of the school. Rowland considers her library her classroom and all 730 Lewis Middle School kids her students. She creates research projects that foster higher level thinking skills that minimize the possibility of plagiarism. Her expertise in Young Adult Literature and computer technology contributed to her hiring as an online teacher at Cuesta College.

Rowland will be honored by the Paso Robles Board of Trustees at their December 11th meeting at 7:00 PM.

Rowland works at Daniel Lewis Middle School, a 736 student middle school serving the Paso Robles Community. Daniel Lewis Middle School building was built in 1955 as Winifred Pifer Elementary, then was remodeled and converted into Daniel Lewis Middle School in 1994.

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