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### **Orange County Library System Recognized with National Awards**

(Orlando, Florida) Mary Anne Hodel, Director and CEO of the Orange County Library System, has been selected as the recipient of the American Library Association's 2018 Charlie Robinson Award. The library has also been chosen for the 2018 Upstart Library Innovation Award in recognition of the BizKids event series.

The Charlie Robinson Award, presented by book vendor Baker & Taylor and the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, honors a public library director who has proven to be a risk taker, an innovator and a change agent known for developing and implementing programs responsive to the needs of the community. The award consists of \$1,000 and a gift to the director, who will be honored at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference.

Hodel has been the Director and CEO of the library since 2002. She has worked tirelessly to build the perception of the library as an evolving, dynamic pillar of the community. Under her leadership OCLS constructed the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center, which offers innovative technology and methods of learning for library patrons.

The Upstart Innovation Award, also presented by the Public Library Association, recognizes a public library's innovative, cutting-edge, creative service to their community. Winners are presented with \$2,000 and a plaque in their honor.

OCLS received the Upstart Innovation Award in recognition for its BizKids program, a series of classes and events aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and teaching young people the skills needed to succeed in business. These classes teach topics ranging from the basics of Microsoft Office to developing a business plan.

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