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Diana Rendina Receives ABC-CLIO's Frances Henne Award at ALA Annual Conference

San Francisco, Calif. (June 27, 2015) – ABC-CLIO, an award-winning reference and scholarly non-fiction publisher is pleased to recognize Diana Rendina with the Frances Henne Award at the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) awards ceremony. The \$1600 award recognizes a school librarian with five years or less experience who demonstrates leadership qualities with students, teachers and administrators.

Rendina is a media specialist and school librarian at Stewart Middle Magnet School in Tampa, Florida. She has dedicated her work to transforming the school's library into a lively learning space where students can grow and connect. Through removing dated and rarely checked out books and replacing them with books that were interesting to the students, Rendina drastically increased the middle school library's circulation.

In 2014, Rendina successfully incorporated the Maker Education Movement into the library's program in order to allow for more student creativity. Her efforts have allowed students to engage in activities such as creating LEGO structures, building models, and constructing cardboard arcade games. The school hosted its first Makerfaire under Rendina's direction featuring multiple arts and crafts stations, games, and a 3D printer. Rendina's new Makerspace atmosphere strives to help students grow into innovative, critical thinkers.

The AASL Awards Ceremony is held during the annual American Library Association (ALA) conference highlighting the best practices in school library programming. The program is a public acknowledgment and celebration of school librarians that have modeled excellence in the profession. The Frances Henne award has recognized outstanding librarians during the annual ALA conference since 1986.

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