

**Item Title:** Recognition of Recent Awards

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners recognize recent regional award winners.**

**Item Summary:**

**Wake County Public Libraries Recognized for Service Innovation**

The North Carolina Public Library Directors' Association recognized Wake County Public Libraries' Thompson Fellowship as the state's Best Service Innovation for 2018.

The Libraries developed the new program to provide unique learning opportunities to both the youth participating in the Summer Food Service Program at Historic Oak View County Park and the teenagers who spent their summer working with them.

The Thompson Fellowship is an eight-week paid work/study opportunity for rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have successfully completed service with the Libraries' Teen Leadership Corps. Through the partnership with Oak View, which was a designated summer food site, the teens selected as Thompson Fellows engaged with summer food program participants to offer educational and recreational activities throughout the summer. These activities helped the participants avoid the "summer slide", which often occurs during the months when school is not in session.

In addition to their work at Oak View, the teens also meet weekly with community partners and Adult Services Librarians to further their personal and professional development.

**Attachments:**

None.