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**City Councilor Anne Ballew Receives  
Distinguished Service Award**

As volunteers started the Springfield Public Library in 1908 it is fitting that a Springfield Public Library Distinguished Service Award was given to Councilor Anne Ballew at the Library's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The award was presented during the celebration last Saturday in appreciation of Councilor Ballew's leadership, integrity and service to the Springfield Public Library.

As City Councilor, the last 12 years Anne has championed the library. She has also personally and generously supported the Library, the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Springfield Public Library. In her calm, intelligent, sometimes droll, often witty way she has served us well. (Councilor Ballew is also one of the library's favorite patrons who is especially fond of our mystery collection).

City Councilor Ballew came to Springfield at the age of 7, attended schools here and graduated from the University of Oregon. Ballew left to pursue her career as a Finance and Management analyst and when she retired she returned to her home.

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