

The Montgomery County Educational Media Specialists Association is pleased to announce that the **2008 Nancy Walker Award** for the year's **Outstanding Principal** will go to **Mr. Dennis G. Queen of Kingsview Middle School**.

Mr. Queen demonstrated his support of Library Media programs by asking Debra Munley, the LMS, to revise and update the Media Center's Policy and Procedures within days of his arrival at the school in 2003, so that they could be presented to the staff during August in-service week. He worked actively to secure the facility from loss of materials after the workday for media staff had ended.

The schedule of the Library Media Center has been revamped to include regular book checkout visits by classes, flexible instruction and research work. Data from the LMC are now part of the Literacy School Improvement Plan. Circulation has more than doubled over five years, despite a decrease in enrollment.

The old Television Studio, which had served several roles over the past decade, has been reopened with equipment that has been steadily upgraded. Another room adjoining the main LMC, which had been used as office space, was equipped with appropriate technology and is now reserved for student small group study. A third room now houses a professional library with computer and space for collaborative teacher planning.

Mr. Queen has enabled his staff to pursue a totally integrated Library Media program that includes literacy, research, television production, computer use, and information in all its forms. He is a frequent visitor who sets the tone of the Library Media Center as a vital part of Kingsview Middle School's learning community.