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Natasha Cooper receives Libraries' Distinguished Service Award

Natasha Cooper, Bibliographer for Education, Information Studies, and Public Communications in Syracuse University Libraries, was presented with the Libraries' Distinguished Service Award on December 3, 2013. Natasha was honored by her coworkers with this annual award, which recognizes a Library staff member who has made significant contributions to the service of the Syracuse University Libraries user community.

Natasha was recognized for over 10 years of exceptional service to the Libraries. She was praised for her skills in developing the Libraries' print and digital collections and her service to assisting users to develop information literacy skills. She was described as "an extraordinary librarian who has a proven record of leadership, service, and exceptional competence...[She] is truly a model academic librarian."

Specific contributions cited in her nomination included:

- » serving as liaison librarian for the iSchool, where she works extensively with faculty and students, teaches courses and guest lectures;
- » leading the Libraries' Green Team, which has effected a number of sustainability improvements;
- » developing guiding principles for the acquisition of ebooks;
- » developing guidelines for subject specialists to facilitate the ordering process.

Natasha previously received ACRL's Librarian of the Year award in 2011. In addition to receiving a gift and a certificate, Natasha's name will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in the first floor of E.S. Bird Library.