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Arcadia Park Assistant Manager named to Emerging Leaders Program

New ALA program puts librarians on the fast track to professional leadership

DALLAS, Nov. 9, 2006 – Daniel Berdaner, Assistant Manager of the Arcadia Park Branch Library, has been selected for the American Library Association’s (ALA) first Emerging Leaders program. Berdaner is one of 100 professionals from across the country chosen to participate in the program, which was created to prepare librarians for future ALA and professional leadership.

Berdaner joined the Dallas Public Library in May 2006, after serving as Librarian at the Fort Worth Public Library. He has a master’s degree in library science from the University of Arizona, and a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Tennessee.

He received the 2006 Mover & Shaker Award from the Library Journal/Criticas magazines, served on the board of the Hispanic Leadership Organization, and was chair-member of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Volunteers Committee and a member of the Dallas Public Library Staff Association.

The Emerging Leaders Program will be launched in January, during the ALA’s mid-winter meeting in Seattle. Participants will put their leadership skills to work by serving on an ALA or chapter committee, task force, working group or project team, with the goal of assuming future leadership roles in the Association, one of its divisions or state chapters.

“We’re very proud that Daniel has been chosen for this honor, and is joining the ranks of the American Library Association’s next generation of leaders and professionals,” said Dallas Public Library Assistant Director Miriam Rodriguez.

For more information on the ALA Emerging Leaders Program, visit:

http://lb.princetonlibrary.org/emerging_leaders.html.

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