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Middletown Township Public Library Celebrates 100 Years, Honors Residents at Centennial Celebration Gala

MIDDLETOWN, NJ -The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) welcomed honorees, local and regional officials, staff and guests to its 100 Year Celebration Gala on October 29, 2021 at Jacques Reception Center. Amidst the celebration of the library's milestone and the recognition of four inaugural award recipients, more than 150 guests danced the night away in 1920s style evening wear in a nod to the Library's 1921 founding.

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ4) attended the event to present a U.S. flag flown over the United States Capitol at his request "to commemorate 100 years of outstanding community service provided by the Middletown Township Public Library..." along with a Congressional Record of his remarks acknowledging and congratulating MTPL for its achievement before the House of Representatives on October 28, 2021.

MTPL Director Heather Andolsen, Library Board President William R. Bucco, Mayor Tony Perry and Library Trustee Susan Kyrillos presented the four inaugural awards to Middletown residents that exemplify the community's spirit of generosity in business and philanthropy, and its dedication to education and historical preservation.

Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq., Monmouth County Clerk was presented with the Historic Preservation Award. Jim Davis Sr. and Jim Davis Jr. of Whirl Construction received the Business Generosity Award. Linda and Abe Littenberg, owners of A Child's Place School, were awarded the Joyce Murphy Imagination in Education Award, presented in memory of MTPL Children's Department employee Joyce Murphy. George, Vita and Richard Kolber were recognized with the Outstanding Philanthropist Award.

Andolsen also shared plans for MTPL's proposed Centennial Project, a new history and technology center at the Library that will enhance the public's access to the township's history, using the latest technological advancements such as virtual and augmented reality. Those interested in reading more about or sponsoring this project are encouraged to visit mtpl.org/centennial.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Heather Andolsen, Library Director ♦ Tara Berson, Middletown Director of Communications ♦ William R. Bucco, Library Board President ♦ Patricia Curtain, Treasurer Friends of MTPL ♦ Thomas Davis, Vice President of Middletown Lions Club ♦ Courtney Fiore, Resident ♦ Lindsay Fox, Library Trustee ♦ Susan Gioia, Library Assistant ♦ Walter Johnson, Library Public Information ♦ Susan Kyrillos, Library Trustee ♦ Wendy LaTona, Library Administration ♦ Alannah Perry, Resident ♦ Tony Perry, Middletown Township Mayor ♦ **100 YEARS!**