



Anne Monk Memorial Scholarship

It's Anne with an "e" she said in her forthright way, correcting an error on the teacher-librarian staff list. Like the Green Gables heroine, our Anne could be described in the same way: spunky, determined, and not without considerable intelligence. It's tempting to spin the "e" of her name to define the person: energetic, efficient, enthusiastic, excellence in education, and even extraordinary. She was all of these, but as an exemplar of the practice of teacher-librarianship in the 1990's, Anne Monk merits broader consideration than can be generated by a single letter.

Sadly, after a brief, but intense, battle with cancer, Anne died suddenly in 1999 at the age of 42. Her career as a Surrey teacher-librarian was also brief, but intense. In a mere decade, she taught in both elementary and secondary libraries, was the district helping teacher for the library program, and served as president of the Surrey Chapter of the BCTLA. Her legacy is the example of her enduring professionalism.

**This article, which first appeared in "The Bookmark", was written by Barbara Cooper.*

Criteria:

Nominees must:

1. Be a BCTLA member.
2. Be a Surrey Chapter member.
3. Been a teacher-librarian in Surrey for at least two years.
4. Not have been nominated (either self-nominated or by someone else) in the previous year.
5. Not have been awarded the Anne Monk Scholarship in the past 5 years.
6. Apply the scholarship toward a course, conference, Masters program or workshop related to teacher-librarianship.

*During their term on the Executive of the Surrey Chapter of the BCTLA, Chapter members are NOT eligible to receive the Anne Monk Scholarship.

The Successful Recipient:

1. Must take the course, workshop or attend the conference within one year following the presentation of the scholarship.
2. Can re-apply or be re-nominated in five years.
3. Must submit course, conference, Masters program or workshop receipt to the Surrey Chapter for reimbursement.

Application Form Requirements

-Name of Nominee

-School(s) of Nominee

-Name and school of Nominator

-Your letter should explain why you feel the nominee should receive this scholarship. Please comment on general teacher-librarianship and contributions to the Surrey Chapter as well as information on any other committee or projects the nominee has been involved with at the school, district or provincial level.