

# "Put Your Best Face Forward"



The Bentley Memorial Library (a branch of the Community District Library), in Perry, is recipient of the monthly "Put your Best Face Forward" merchant award. The traveling trophy was presented by Perry Mayor Pro-tem Tom Chaput (left).

Thanks to Michele Darling and Darling Hardware, several improvements were recently made to the library including new paint to the exterior of the building.

The Bentley Memorial Library joined the Community District Library Jan. 1, 2008 and is now one of seven branches. According to Branch Supervisor Pat Brown, the library is serving a record number of people. In August of this year, 2,800 patrons utilized the numerous resources and services now available to the public. On average, approximately 100 to 140 residents use the library.

The local branch is staffed by four librarians with more than 55-years of combined service, including (beginning second from left): Pat Brown, 13 years; Emily Taylor, 1.5 years; Anna Pavlica, 32 years; and (inset) Darla Baron, 10 years.

Judging of "Put Your Best Face Forward" is based on overall appearance, clean sidewalks and windows, window presentation, flower displays (weeded/watered) and absence of trash.

The monthly winner, selected by a Perry City Council member, is announced and recognized through local media and receives the traveling trophy to display in the business throughout the month.