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## Senator Oberacker Commends Award Winning Librarians

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**ALBANY, 04/25/22 --** State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenevus) today congratulated recipients of the 2022 New York State Senate Outstanding Librarian Awards during a special ceremony in Albany.

**“Our libraries are vital community resources and our librarians do an incredible job,”** said Senator Peter Oberacker. **“In many of the towns and villages that I represent, the local library hosts public meetings, delivers key services to residents young and old, and is the most recognizable building in the community. Our school libraries are often the first connection with reading for many and continue to have a winning influence on the development of our young people.”**

Librarians from each region of the state were recognized at the ceremony including two who reside in the 51<sup>st</sup> Senate District:

- Maria Johnson (Oneonta) Library Media Specialist – Roxbury Central School;
- Chris Sagaas (Herkimer) Director – Utica Public Library.

**“During the COVID-19 pandemic, our librarians faced new challenges and developed creative solutions to continue to safely serve everyone. Maria Johnson and Chris Sagaas are the embodiment of the dedication all of our librarians exhibit on a daily basis,”** concluded Senator Oberacker.