

# 2018 Alix Olson Award: Winner is Holly Storck-Post

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Holly Storck-Post will be honored with 2018 Alix Olson Award for the Promotion of a Tolerant and Just Community at the City of Madison Mayor's Neighborhood Conference "Shaping Community/Driving Action" at Monona Terrace on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The award is being presented by STAJOH (Seeking Tolerance and Justice Over Hate "stay-joe").

As a librarian in the Madison Public Library system, Holly Storck-Post is passionate and committed in her work to promote diversity, equity, tolerance, acceptance and inclusion for all. She is dedicated to helping to make this world a better place, one book and one program at a time, through her work with Madison Public Library, within and outside the library walls. Holly delivers anti-hate messages in everyday library transactions, providing children, families and caregivers with accepting and inclusive learning opportunities, tools and resources that affect the outlook of a generation of Madisonians.

Storck-Post brings her welcoming message of diversity and inclusion with her wherever she goes, from the numerous daycare facilities and outreach locations she visits regularly, sharing stories directly with children and providing tools and resources for caregivers. She connects book displays to larger campaigns for equity and acceptance, hosting public screen-printing events featuring the message "Libraries Are for Everyone" in multiple languages and bringing Drag Queen Story Time to Madison Public Library.

Storck-Post's dedication to building relationships, increasing literacy, tearing down

barriers to access and honoring the lives of all make her an ideal recipient of the 2018 Alix Award.

“Especially in these trying times, as our country is fractured by politics, it’s refreshing to applaud the work of an employee like Holly,” said Mayor Paul Soglin. “Her efforts to support diversity and inclusion are even more important and appreciated.”

STAJOH is an anti-hate crime group composed of representatives of government agencies from the City of Madison, Dane County, State of Wisconsin, Madison Metropolitan School District and University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as other community-based agencies throughout Dane County.

The Alix Award recognizes contributions of individuals who make a difference by promoting tolerance and justice in their community. Retired Madison Police Department Detective Alix Olson was the heart and soul of STAJOH and this award is given in honor of her service.