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Berkeley Public Library Employee Selected as Spectrum Scholar

Phillippa Caldeira, who has worked as a Library Aide with the Berkeley Public Library for six years, has been selected as a recipient of a 2007 American Library Association (ALA) Spectrum Scholarship. The scholarship can be used to attend an ALA-accredited or recognized master's degree program in library and information studies.

The mission of ALA's Spectrum program, now celebrating its 10th Anniversary reads: "Improving service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries in the new millennium."

"Berkeley Public Library is thrilled that Phillippa has been honored with the Spectrum award, said Berkeley Public Library's Director of Library Services Donna Corbeil. "It is a tremendous achievement, and Phillippa has worked extremely hard to attain it. While attending the University of California, Berkeley, majoring in African American Studies, Phillippa has also been an exemplary employee for us, working in several of our departments."

Ms. Caldeira is attending The School of Library and Information Science at San José State University. At this time her future interests in library studies include preparation to work in a public and/or special collections library.

Funding for Ms. Caldeira's scholarship this year has been provided by the Louise Giles Endowment. Ms. Caldiera will be named as the Louise Giles Spectrum Scholar in recognition of Giles' support of libraries.

For info on Spectrum, go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/diversity/spectrum/spectrum.htm>. For more info on the Berkeley Public Library phone (510) 981-6100, (510) 548-1240 (TTY), or go to <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/>

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