

2009 LAS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

SYLVIA YAP SWEE BENG

In an illustrious career, Sylvia Yap Swee Beng, has been a dynamic, passionate and engaged leader, motivator, mentor, and spokesperson for Singapore's librarians, libraries, and library users. As the University Librarian of the National University of Singapore since 2003, Sylvia expertly engineered the transformation and upgrading of much of the University's library system.

Her ardent and dedicated advocacy of the Library Association of Singapore (LAS), culminated in her election as President of LAS (2005-2007), during which time she oversaw LAS' 50th anniversary, initiated annual conferences, created the Awards Panel and supported the implementation of the Professional Development Scheme (PDS), where she serves as Chairperson of the PDS Board. She accomplished all of this while keeping a careful eye on the financial health of the Association. Sylvia is a gem in the library community, garnering respect and praise from all who have had the privilege to know or work with her.

It is with the utmost gratitude that we celebrate and honour Sylvia's outstanding achievements and look forward to her future contributions to Singapore, the Library Association of Singapore and Singapore's library community.

The award was presented on 16 October 2009 during the LAS Libraries for Tomorrow Seminar and replayed during the Annual Dinner that evening.