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State Senator Mike Fasano cited as “Library Champion” *A three-time winner!*

TAMPA, Fla. (Nov. 29, 2007) – The Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) recognized Florida Sen. Mike Fasano with its Library Champion Award for his continued support of Florida library services. This is the third year in a row that TBLC has awarded the honor to Fasano.

TBLC grants the award annually to an elected or appointed official who has demonstrated exceptional support for and attention to libraries. Fasano proactively and consistently supports Florida libraries in many ways, including through his work as chairperson of a committee that handles library funding.

“It’s an honor to be named as a library champion,” Fasano said. “Libraries are a wonderful and necessary part of our community, and I am proud to be recognized as an advocate of our public libraries.”

Fasano was elected to the Senate in 2002. He represents District 11, which covers parts of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas counties. Fasano served in the Florida House of Representatives for eight years prior to being elected to his current position.

Nominees for the Library Champion Award are made by TBLC member libraries, and the TBLC Board of Directors reviews all nominations and selects recipients of the award.

The Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc. (TBLC) is a nonprofit multi-type library cooperative that assists and empowers libraries. Since 1979, TBLC has worked with member libraries to provide better, faster service and resource sharing to the residents of Florida. For more information, call (813) 622-8252 or visit www.tbtc.org.

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