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***LMC/ARBA Announces 2015 Best of Reference Award Winners***

**San Francisco, CA - June 27, 2015** *Library Media Connection (LMC)* and *American Reference Books Annual (ARBA)* announced the winners of the third annual *LMC/ARBA Best in Reference Award*, which recognizes pioneering reference resources that support and encourage K–12 student learning and achievement. The winners will be recognized during a ceremony at the ABC-CLIO booth at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco on June 28th.

Widely recognized for providing credible and critical reviews that enable school librarians to select the best reference sources for student research needs, *LMC* and *ARBA* hand-selected a panel of judges from their pool of well-regarded reviewers and editors. This expert committee evaluated entries from publishers throughout the K–12 reference market and selected winning entries based on curriculum connections, authority, objectivity, currency, depth of coverage, and organization.

We are pleased to announce the following winners, listed by category:

**Best Reference for Children (Elementary Grades):**

*National Geographic Kids Almanac 2015 (National Geographic Children's Books)*

**Best Reference for Youth (Secondary Grades):**

*American Eras Primary Sources - Westward Expansion 1800-1860 (Gale/Cengage Learning)*

**Best Professional Guide for School or Youth Librarians:**

*Inquiry and the Common Core (Libraries Unlimited)*

**Best Electronic Reference:**

*Issues & Controversies (InfoBase Publishing)*

**Best Overall Reference K-12:**

*Issues & Controversies (InfoBase Publishing)*

"We were thrilled to see the continued high interest for our third annual award," noted Marlene Woo-Lun, publisher of *LMC*. "The varied and diverse number of superior entries highlights the richness of resources available for K–12 education today. We congratulate this year's winners and look forward to recognizing excellence through the *LMC/ARBA Best in Reference Award* for many years to come."

The *LMC/ARBA* award occurs annually. The next award will be presented at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference.

For more information on this award, please contact Marlene Woo-Lun, Publisher, *Library Media Connection*, [mwoo-lun@librarymediaconnection.com](mailto:mwoo-lun@librarymediaconnection.com)

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