



**Barbara A. Zaborowski, Ph.D..**

Dr. Zaborowski has been a librarian for 22 years during which time she has served in school, public, and academic libraries. Currently, she serves as Dean of Library Resources at the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. Starting at the College in 1995, she has been instrumental in building the library and promoting library services to students and faculty. In addition, Dr. Zaborowski also serves as Special Assistant to the President. As Special Assistant, she has served as Co-chair for two Middle States Association accreditation self-study committees, in addition to acting as grant writer and project manager for several College grants. Including a \$1.9 million dollar Title III federal grant.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Writing and Secondary Education (1982), a Master's degree in Library Science (1990) and a Doctorate in Information Science (2008) from the University of Pittsburgh. While an undergraduate, she was a member and officer in Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. As a graduate student, she was inducted into the Pi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honor Society in which she currently holds the position of treasurer. She is a member of the 1787 Society which recognizes her planned gift to the University of Pittsburgh and a lifetime member of the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association.

Dr. Zaborowski is a member of the American Library Association and a member of the Pennsylvania Library Association. As a member of the Pennsylvania Library Association, she has served on the Membership Committee, been chair of the Southwest Chapter and chair of the Library Instruction Round Table. Recently, she was elected second vice-president of the Pennsylvania Library Association. She is a past president of the School of Information Sciences Alumni Society. She is currently, the president of the Johnstown branch of the American Association of University Women, the president of the Friends of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial, and board member of The Steeples Project and author of "Last Rites: Preserving the history of the Catholic churches in Cambria City."

In 2004, Dr. Zaborowski began the One Book, One Community Reading Program in Cambria County. By bringing together members from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, St. Francis University, the Cambria County Library System, and the Johnstown Chapter of Rotary International, a county-wide reading program was implemented. In 2006, a middle school component was added which has grown to a multi-day event and has reached over 9,000 students. In 2009, her middle school reading program received the Innovation of the Year Award presented by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges and the Ruth T. Toiga award presented by the Cambria County Literacy Council for making a unique contribution to literacy in the community.

In 2010, the Johnstown Area Heritage Association presented her with its Heritage Preservation Award for her efforts in digitizing and preserving the history of Johnstown and for her original research on the Underground Railroad in central Pennsylvania.