Ellysa Stern Cahoy and Tom Reinsfelder named distinguished librarians at Penn State

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Director of the Pennsylvania Center for the Book and education librarian, Ellysa Stern Cahoy, as well as the head of the Mont Alto Campus Library, Tom Reinsfelder, have been named Distinguished Librarians at the University Libraries. They received the title for their outstanding contributions in academic, research, and service.

Both recipients were nominated by their University Libraries colleagues. Their recommendation was then reviewed by a University Libraries Distinguished Librarian Selection Committee and approved by President Neeli Bendapudi. Executive Vice President Justin Schwartz also gave a recommendation as well.

Faye A. Chadwell, dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications gave a statement to PSU News about the two recipients “Ellysa and Tom both have lengthy and exemplary records of academic research achievement and service to field of librarianship at Penn State, in Pennsylvania and beyond. The distinguished librarian title was created to recognize scholars of their caliber, and I’m so pleased their faculty colleagues have chosen to honor them in this way.”

According to PSU News, distinguished professors and librarians have special titles to recognize them for their outstanding work. The titles are made for a five-year period and are subjected to performance reviews.

Cahoy had joined as informative literacy librarian to University Libraries in 2001. She then received the Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award in 2013. Then she was named Pennsylvania Center for the Book director, which is an affiliate of the Library of Congress, in 2022.

Penn State News has stated that Reinsfelder had joined Penn State in 2003. He was then named Mont Alto Campus Library head in 2018. Both recipients join Linda Musser as the three faculty members holding distinguished librarian titles.