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The award, which "honors individuals who have exhibited courage for the benefit of library programs or services in the face of adversity," will be presented virtually on June 27.

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The library board never approved the diversity statement and instead approved a third-party investigation into how the statement wound up on the agenda.

That investigation found no violation of library policies or laws when it was released in December.

"Amy Dodson faced months of adversity and danger with a steadfast commitment to her principles and to the goals set forth by her library. She has demonstrated rare and powerful courage." said Assistant director of Catherwood Library Jim DelRosso in his nomination letter.

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