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## Former JS head Henry Slane and activist Kathleen Ditewig in library's hall of fame

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PEORIA — Henry Pindell Slane, former board chairman and CEO of the Journal Star, and activist Kathleen Powers Ditewig are the first inductees in the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch Hall of fame.

They will be honored during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln Branch at 1312 W. Lincoln Ave. The public is invited.

Slane, who headed the Journal Star for more than 30 years, made the largest contribution on record to the Peoria Public Library, donating \$500,000 to repair Lincoln Branch inside and out in 1993. Ditewig, a resident of the Lincoln Branch neighborhood, ran a grass-roots campaign in 1970 that convinced the Library Board to keep the branch open after its imminent closure was announced, according to the library.

The Peoria Public Library board of trustees established a Hall of Fame in March of this year. The Lincoln Branch, an original Carnegie Library, has survived for over 100 years as a library and is now on the National Register of Historic Places.