

ABL's special deliveries

Awareness campaign to drop thousands of postcards in the mail

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A relationship that was about three years in the making was cemented last week when the R.A. Stevens Family Foundation made a \$1,225 donation to the Friends of the Alice Baker Library.

The money will be used by Library Director Ali Chase to launch a library awareness campaign that features over 3,000 postcards, soon to be arriving in mailboxes in the town and village of Eagle as well as North Prairie.

Paul Fleckenstein, the foundation's executive director, praised Chase for her tenacity in securing this, her first grant, while at the helm of Alice Baker. He said Chase first contacted him nearly three years ago to begin the courtship process many organizations and nonprofits go through with charitable foundations such as his.

But back then, Alice Baker's fund-raising board, FABLE, did not have 501 (c)(3) status, a provision in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code that exempts nonprofit organizations from certain federal income taxes,

and the R.A. Stevens Family Foundation can only give to those exempted organizations.

That status changed about six months ago, said Chase, and the wheels were set in motion for the current library awareness campaign.

"I give you a lot of credit for sticking to it," Fleckenstein told Chase April 11, as he pre-

sented her with the check. The money will be used to purchase the postage for delivery of the postcards.

Chase's goal with the campaign is to reach more house

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Ali Chase, director of Alice Baker Library, thanks Paul Fleckenstein, executive director of the R.A. Stevens Family Foundation, for the gift of \$1,225 last Friday.