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CHICAGO - The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) has declared the Queens Memory Project as the recipient of the ALCTS Outstanding Collaboration Citation for 2012.

The Citation recognizes and encourages collaborative problem-solving efforts in the areas of acquisition, access, management, preservation or archiving of library materials. It recognizes a demonstrated benefit from actions, services or products that improve and benefit providing and managing library collections. The citation will be presented on Sunday, June 24, at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony during the 2012 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

The Queens Memory project is dedicated to digitizing, preserving and providing access to the local history of Queens, N.Y. The project combines historical and contemporary photography, maps, news clippings and other documents with oral history interviews of current residents. The wide range of collaborators includes the Queens Library, Queens College Libraries' Department of Special Collections and Archives, Queens Historical Society, Whirl-i-Gig, StoryCorps and the community of Queens at large. One jury member wrote, "This project is likely to become an industry standard." Another wrote, "I feel this type of collaboration is what will help keep libraries vital and important to the people we serve for years to come." For more information about the project, visit <http://www.queensmemory.org/>.

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) is the national association for information providers who work in collections and technical services, such as acquisitions, cataloging, collection development, preservation and continuing resources in digital and print formats.

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