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**Milwaukee Public Library Foundation Presents the
2009 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration**

Foundation to Honor Robert Mariano and Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc.

Milwaukee, Wis. - The Milwaukee Public Library Foundation will host the 2009 Benjamin Franklin Award Celebration on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., beginning at 5:15 p.m. The Foundation will honor Robert Mariano and Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. at the celebration.

"Chairman Bob" and Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. have supported the Milwaukee Public Library and the MPL Foundation for more than 10 years, with a goal of enhancing the quality of life for the community in the area of literacy.

"A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body."
-Benjamin Franklin

Individuals and organizations are honored each year by the Foundation Board of Directors for their significant contributions to libraries, literacy and lifelong learning in the Milwaukee community.

Past recipients include Lucile Krug, Chris Bauer, Kate Huston, Edward Zore and Northwestern Mutual, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Steve Smith and Journal Communications, Harry Franke, Sister Joel Read, Jim Wigdale, Brother Bob Smith, T. Michael Bolger, Marianne Lubar, Jane Bradley Pettit, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and the Common Council, Betty Ewens Quadracci, John N. MacDonough, Sue Ann Thompson, Frank J. Pelisek, Howard Fuller, Archbishop Rembert Weakland, Frederick Gerlach, Patrick W. Cotter and Harold A. Schwartz.

The Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration is an elegant reception, and the Foundation's major fundraising event of the year. This "Taste of Central Library" features a menu of literary inspired delicacies served in Art & Music, Science & Business, Humanities, and the Betty Brinn Children's Rooms.

Established in 1988, the Foundation remains true to its original vision of generating private sector support to supplement tax-based funding. Proceeds provide books and materials for the library system, special programming, and scholarships to train public service librarians.

For more information on the Benjamin Franklin Awards Celebration, send an email to foundation@mpl.org, click on http://www.mpl.org/file/found_benfranklin09.html, or contact Meg Diaz at 414.286.8703.

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