**Name of the Award:** Spotlight Award

**Subcommittee chair:** Patty Rettig

**Award Winner’s name:** Cindy Ditzler and Joan Metzger (Regional History Center, Northern Illinois University)

Will the winner be attending the ceremony to accept the Award? yes, Cindy Ditzler only

**Contact/point person (if a group or organization):** Cindy Ditzler

**Subcommittee member presenting the Award:** Patty Rettig

(this should be the Subcommittee Chair; if you are unable to attend, who from your subcommittee will presenting the award?)

**Person Accepting the Award (if a group or organization):** Cindy Ditzler

**Citation:** Ms. Ditzler and Ms. Metzger are being recognized for the extraordinary effort they put forth for the good of archival collections at their institution. Specifically, they demonstrated extraordinary commitment to preserving the documentation of an unfortunate event on their campus at Northern Illinois University, on February 14, 2008, when a gunman killed five people in an auditorium, injured 21, and then shot himself. Ditzler and Metzger immediately went into action to document the event as well as the following grieving process and memorials. As their nominator wrote: “Their humble work went beyond any formal job description and far exceeded the expectations of an archivist.”