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## NEWS

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### Winner of 2009 RUSA Award Announced

DENVER—The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has announced its selection for the 2009 Dartmouth Medal.

Greenwood's *Pop Culture Universe* was selected for presenting material from over 300 sources with a clear and fun interface and state-of-the-art interactive features. This user-centered resource includes a blog on its home page and welcomes input wiki-style. As the first electronic recipient of the Dartmouth Medal, it represents the future of reference.

The honorable mention selection, *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe*, epitomizes the best qualities of traditional reference. Based on exhaustive multi-lingual research, including work in recently opened archives, it definitively documents a rich cultural heritage.

The Dartmouth Medal recognizes the most outstanding and significant reference work of the year. The winners were selected by the Dartmouth Medal Committee whose members include Jeff Schwartz, Santa Monica Public Library, Chairperson, Cynthia Crosser, University of Maine, Asia Gross, Missouri Library Network, Helene Lafrance, Santa Clara University, Sue Polanka, Wright State University, and Robyn Rosenberg, University of Texas.

The 2009 winners are:

*Pop Culture Universe*. <http://pop.greenwood.com> Greenwood Press, 2008.

Honorable Mention:

*The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe*. ed. Gershon David Hundert. 2 vols. Yale UP, 2008.

The Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, is the foremost organization of reference and information professionals who make the connections between people and the information sources, services, and collection materials they need. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/rusa](http://www.ala.org/rusa).