



## **MLA Librarian of the Year (sponsored by the Walter H. Kaiser Award)**

**Background:** The MLA Librarian of the Year Award has been given for at least the last thirty years with the qualifications redefined in 2012 and then again in 2019. Only one award may be given in a year.

**Purpose:** The MLA Librarian of the Year Award recognizes a librarian's outstanding contributions and accomplishments to the library community.

### **Nomination Form**

#### **Nominee must:**

- Have an earned MLS or equivalent master's degree;
- Be an active member of the Michigan Library Association;
- Be currently working in a Michigan library, library cooperative, or library-related organization;
- Have ten (10) years of library experience;
- Demonstrate a commitment to Michigan libraries and the Michigan Library Association.

#### **Nominee should be able to demonstrate they have:**

- Provided innovative service to community, which has enhanced the image or visibility of the library; or
- Promoted collaboration among libraries and librarians; or
- Demonstrated leadership in professional and community activities; or
- Initiated leading edge ideas that can be modelled or scaled for other libraries' use; or
- Sustained a strong and consistent body of work over time; or
- Mentored and/or empowered library staff to achieve significant professional growth; or
- Been a catalyst in special areas such as intellectual freedom, library innovation, outreach, and/or equity, diversity and inclusion.

**NOMINATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of nomination
- \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum of three Letters of Support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Supporting Documentation as appropriate

**NOMINATION SHOULD TELL THE AWARDS WORK GROUP**

- Reason for nominating individual for this specific award;
- Events, projects, or circumstances that illustrate the reason for this nomination
- Current and previous professional position(s), educational qualifications, professional; organization memberships and offices, community activities, awards or recognitions, and any other relevant information;
- In a field of qualified candidates, what makes this nominee stand out?
- Nominee's involvement in the Michigan Library Association.

**NOMINATION PACKET SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA MLA'S WEBSITE**

**SEND QUESTIONS TO [MLA@MILIBRARIES.ORG](mailto:MLA@MILIBRARIES.ORG)**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1**