Past MLA Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award
2022 – Amy Knepp, Oscoda County District Library
2021 – Peggy Kitchel, Grosse Pointe Public Library
2020 – Kevin King, Kalamazoo Public Library

Public Librarian of the Year Award
2022 – Monica Peck, Boyne District Library
2021 – Teresa Kline, Fennville District Library
2020 – Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Libraries
2019 – Cathy Russ, Troy Public Library
2017 – Lance Werner, Kent District Library
2016 – Tammy Turgeon, Sterling Heights Public Library/Suburban Library Cooperative
2015 – Denise Hooks, Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
2014 – Kenneth B. Miller, Jr., Superior District Library
2013 – Larry Neal, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
2012 – Marcia Warner, Grand Rapids Public Library
2011 – Linda Masselink, Grand Valley State University
2010 – Martha Esch, Kent District Library
2009 – Ruth Dukelow, Michigan Library Consortium
2008 – Cliff Haka, Michigan State University Libraries
2007 – James Rancilio, Bullard Sanford Memorial
2006 – Bettina Meyer, Western Michigan University
2005 – Judi Stillion, Alpena County Library
2004 – Beverly D. Papai, Farmington Community Library
2003 – James Seidl, Woodlands Library Cooperative
2002 – Colleen Hyslop, Michigan State University
2001 – David Tate, Van Buren District Library
2000 – Roger Mendel, Mideastern Library Cooperative

Heart of a Champion Award
2022 – Dr. Charles (Charlie) Mitchell, Brown City Library
2021 – Lyle Clark, Rawson Memorial Library
2020 – Susan Matthews, Friends of the Troy Public Library
2019 – Donna Adams, Forsyth Township Public Library
2018 – Congressman Sander Levin
2016 – John Schaeffer, Superior District Library/Superiorland Library Cooperative & Linda Lavey, Pinckney Community Library
2015 – Barbara Pallotta, Charter Township of Independence
2013 – Edward Albertson, Brandon Township Public Library
2012 – Representative Bill Rogers

Rising Star Award
2022 – Amanda Vorce, Capital Area District Libraries
2021 – Marissa Boisclair, Genesee District Library
2020 – Betty Adams, Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster
2019 – Danielle DiAmico, Bay County Library System

Up and Comer Award
2018 – Dillon Geshel, Portage Lake District Library
2014 – Andrea Estelle, Otsego District Library
2012 – Natalie Bazan, Hopkins District Library

Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth
2022 – Kelly Altman, Presque Isle District Library
2021 – Sara Magnuson, Kent District Library
2020 – Stephanie Reinhardt, Bay County Library System
2018 – Brenda Patterson Harris
2016 – Patricia McClary
2014 – Anne Clark

Library Support Staff of the Year Award
2022 – Jeff Milo, Ferndale Area District Library
2021 – Amy Beckman, Millington Arbela District Library
2020 – Jermaine Jackson, Kalamazoo Public Library

Legislator of the Year Award
2021 – Senator Wayne Schmidt
2020 - Senator Wayne Schmidt and Representative Andy Levin
2019 – Senator Paul Wojno
2018 – Senator Jim Stamas
2017 – Senator Jack Brandenburg, Representative Lee Chatfield, Senator Rick Jones, & Senator Jim Stamos
2016 – Senator Jack Brandenburg
2015 – Senator Jack Brandenburg
2014 – Senator Jack Brandenburg
2013 – Senator Geoff Hansen & Representative Jim Stamas

Above and Beyond Award
2020 – Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan

President’s Award for Service to MLA
Margaret Auer, University of Detroit Mercy