



Past MLA Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

2021 – Peggy Kitchel, Grosse Pointe Public Library

2020 – Kevin King, Kalamazoo Public Library

Public Librarian of the Year Award

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

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

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

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

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

2020 – Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan

President's Award for Service to MLA

Margaret Auer, University of Detroit Mercy