



## Heart of a Champion

(sponsored by the Walter H. Kaiser Award)

**Background:** The Heart of a Champion Award was established in 2012 and updated in 2019 by the Michigan Library Association.

**Purpose:** The Heart of a Champion Award recognizes an outstanding library supporter who has shown an exceptional commitment to libraries and/or the library profession.

**Eligibility:** Candidates could include trustees, Friends members, individuals or businesses that support their local community library, or strategic partners. (Note: Legislators and state or federal government elected officials should be nominated for the MLA Legislator of the Year Award.)

**Nominees should be able to demonstrate they have:**

- a commitment to the library profession through persistent advocacy at the local, state, or national level; or
- contributed time, talent or resources that resulted in the enhancement, improvement, or recognition of library service in the State of Michigan; or
- been instrumental in supporting or providing funding for the local library (e.g. promoted library millage, actively supported regional or statewide funding for libraries); or
- supported the Michigan Library Association activities.

**Nomination packet should include:**

- Nominee's contact information (name, library affiliation, address, phone, email address)
- Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- Letter of nomination
- Minimum of one letter of support, maximum of three letters of support
- Maximum of three pages of other supporting documentation as appropriate

**Nomination letter should tell the awards group:**

- Nominee's professional background, recognition, work history, membership, and any other information you would like to include
- Reason for nominating individual, group, or strategic partner for this award
- In the field of qualified candidates, what makes this nominee stand out?
- Event, project, or situation that illustrates your reason for this nomination

**Nomination packet should be submitted via MLA's website:** <https://www.milibraries.org/call-for-nominations-mla-awards>

**Send questions to:** [mla@milibraries.org](mailto:mla@milibraries.org)

**Nomination deadline:** Friday July 17, 2020