



Library Support Staff of the Year

Background: The Library Support Staff of the Year Award was established in 2020 to recognize a support staff professional who has made outstanding contributions to their library and advanced and strengthened the image of support staff.

Purpose: This award honors an exceptional library assistant or support staff member who goes above and beyond to provide support at their library and who has advanced and strengthened the image of support staff.

Eligibility: Any person who is a current individual member of the Michigan Library Association with a paid, non-MLS position in a Michigan library that supports library services and operations is eligible. Broadly, professional positions with distinct areas of expertise such as finance or human resources specialists may be nominated, in addition to directors. Positions that provide support to the operations of library services also are eligible including but not limited to library pages, maintenance workers, library assistants, technical service support staff, delivery drivers, marketing staff and operations directors.

Nominees must:

- Be currently working in a Michigan library, library cooperative or library-related non-profit organization
- MLA Organizational Membership of employing/affiliated library is required, individual MLA membership is not required

Nominee should be able to demonstrate they have:

- Made an outstanding contribution to their library in field of experience; or
- been active in organizations supporting library issues (i.e. state, regional, and/or national); or
- advanced and strengthened the image of library staff; or
- improved or enhanced within the library profession the status and work of support staff

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 work group:

- Reason for nominating individual for this specific award
- Describe an event, project, or situation that illustrates your reason for this nomination
- Nominee's professional background, recognition, work history, memberships, and any other relevant information
- In a field of qualified candidates, what make this nominee stand out?
- Nominee's involvement in the Michigan Library Association

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

Send questions to: mla@milibraries.org

Nomination deadline (extended): Friday, July 16, 2021