



Library Support Staff of the Year Award

Purpose: Established in 2020, The Library Support Staff of the Year 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 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 non-MLS degreed 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

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). (Self-nominations are accepted.)
- 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 workgroup:

- 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 for 2023 Award: July 14, 2023

Amount of award: \$100

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