



Lifetime Achievement Award

Background: The MLA Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2020 to recognize a deserving librarian for their distinguished service to the library profession throughout their career.

Purpose: The MLA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a librarian's outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the library community over the course of their career.

Eligibility: Library staff who have earned an MLS or equivalent master's degree, have at least ten years of library experience, currently work in a Michigan library, cooperative, or library-related organization, and are current individual members of MLA may be nominated for the award.

Nominee must:

- Have an earned MLS or equivalent master's degree
- Be an active member of the Michigan Library Association
- Be currently working in a Michigan library, library cooperative, or library-related organization
- Have at least ten (10) years of library experience
- Demonstrate a commitment to Michigan libraries and the Michigan Library Association

Nominee should be able to demonstrate they have, over the course of their career:

- Provided innovative service to community, which has enhanced the image or visibility of the library; or
- Promoted collaboration among libraries and librarians; or
- Demonstrated leadership in professional and community activities; or
- Initiated leading edge ideas that can be modelled or scaled for other libraries' use; or
- Sustained a strong and consistent body of work over time; or
- Mentored and/or empowered library staff to achieve significant professional growth; or
- Been a catalyst in special areas such as intellectual freedom, library innovation, outreach, and/or equity, diversity and inclusion.

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
- Events, projects, or circumstances that illustrate the reason for this nomination
- Current and previous professional position(s), educational qualifications, professional organization memberships and offices, community activities, awards or recognitions, and any other relevant information
- In a field of qualified candidates, what makes 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