



Lifetime Achievement Award

Purpose: Established in 2020, the MLA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a librarian's distinguished service to the library profession and 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 (10) years of library experience, currently work in a Michigan library, cooperative, or library-related organization, and demonstrated a commitment to Michigan libraries may be nominated for the award.

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). (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
- 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

Nominations should be submitted via MLA's SlideRoom webpage: milibraries.slideroom.com

Send questions to: mla@milibraries.org

Amount of award: \$400

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