



Public Librarian of the Year Award

Purpose: The MLA Public Librarian of the Year Award recognizes a public librarian's outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the library community. The MLA Librarian of the Year has been awarded for more than thirty years. In 2020, the Librarian of the Year Award qualifications were updated to recognize a public librarian and the name of the award was changed to Public Librarian of the Year.

Eligibility: Library staff who have earned an MLS or equivalent master's degree and currently work in a Michigan public library, have at least five (5) years of library experience, and have demonstrated a commitment to Michigan libraries may be nominated for the award.

Nominee should be able to demonstrate they have, in the past year:

- Provided innovative service to their 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
- 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: \$200

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