



## Rising Star Award

**Background:** The Up & Comer Award was established in 2012 by the Michigan Library Association. The name was changed to Rising Star in 2019.

**Purpose:** The award recognizes a library employee who shows leadership early in their career. While new to the field, they expand the profession by being forward-thinking and moving libraries into the future. Self-nominations are acceptable.

**Nominees must:**

- Be an active member of the Michigan Library Association (MLA)
- Be currently working in a Michigan library, library cooperative or library-related non-profit organization for five (5) years or less

**Nominee should be able to demonstrate they have:**

- Help establish a library culture that sets high standards, promotes learning, and makes the library an integral part of the community, or
- Push the boundaries of originality and creativity, and thoughtfully disrupt the status quo, or
- Exhibit future leadership potential by demonstrating initiative in their work, often going above and beyond what is required, or
- Foster communication between library workers and members of the community, and project a positive image of the library, or
- Impart a commitment to advocacy 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, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, email address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of nomination
- \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum of one letter of support
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Supporting Documentation as appropriate

**NOMINATION 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 PACKETS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA MLA'S WEBSITE**

**SEND QUESTIONS TO [MLA@MILIBRARIES.ORG](mailto:MLA@MILIBRARIES.ORG)**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1**