

Awards and Honors 2017

The Ohio Library Council presents major awards honoring individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to Ohio's public library community. The OLC's Awards and Honors Committee continually strives to attract a robust and diverse pool of nominations to be considered for these prestigious awards. The committee is looking for the innovative and dedicated people who make Ohio's libraries successful and vibrant. You are encouraged to recognize the achievements of your colleagues by nominating them for an award (see reverse side for complete list of awards and honors).

Award recipients are chosen by the OLC's Awards and Honors Committee based on nominations and recommendations received from the Ohio library community. Recipients will be recognized during an awards ceremony at the 2017 Convention and Expo.

Awards and Honors category descriptions and criteria are on the reverse side. The descriptions, criteria, and nomination form are available on the OLC Web site (olc.org/about-us/awards/).

THIS NOMINATION FORM IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 19, 2017
COMPLETE SUPPORT MATERIALS ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 2, 2017

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2017 Awards and Honors Nomination Form

I wish to nominate:

For the following Ohio Library Council Award: *

Nominee's title and institution:

Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Visit the OLC website for a checklist of suggested background materials to include.

Name: _____ Library/Company: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

**Committee reserves the right to move candidate to another category if appropriate.*

2017 OLC AWARDS AND HONORS NOMINATION DEADLINE: MAY 19, 2017

HALL OF FAME LIBRARIAN:

Recognizes a librarian for his/her career achievements.

Requirements: OLC member; MLIS; and minimum of 10 years experience in Ohio libraries

Criteria: Career has demonstrated: 1) Sustained leadership; 2) Active participation in local, state, and/or national library organizations; 3) Commitment to the library profession; and 4) Contribution to the community at large.

LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR:

Honors a librarian whose recent accomplishments have impacted the library profession and/or library service to the community.

Requirements: OLC member; MLIS; and minimum 5 years experience in libraries

Criteria: 1) Exhibits distinguished service in the library community; 2) Demonstrates evidence of professional achievements; 3) Develops and implements new services; 4) Creates partnerships within the community to provide innovative services; and 5) Active involvement on the local and state level.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Recognizes the achievements of a library employee such as, but not limited to: Fiscal Officers, Human Resources, Technical Services, Marketing, Extension Services, Para-professionals, IT personnel, Library Administration, Clerks, Clerical Staff.

Requirements: OLC Member

Criteria: 1) Contributions to local library development are significant and merit recognition; 2) Excellence in performing their jobs including contributions enabling the library to best serve its constituents; 3) Exhibits stellar customer service internally and externally, and 4) Works to build networks with organizations and/or groups to back excellence in library work.

JOHN PHILIP OUTREACH AWARD:

Recognizes exceptional achievement in library outreach services. John Philip was a consultant with the State Library of Ohio. His responsibilities included the State bookmobile program in Southern Ohio and its successor, Southeast Ohio Library Center. During his tenure, Philip often marveled at the determined efforts of library employees to bring the benefits of libraries to these isolated populations. Upon his retirement, this Outreach Award was established and named in his honor.

Requirements: Library staff, department, Friend, volunteer, member of the community or library organization.

Criteria: 1) Displays exceptional achievement in library outreach; and 2) Demonstrates true dedication to the philosophy of bringing library programs and services to the underserved.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Recognizes a citizen or a group of citizens in Ohio who have made a noteworthy contribution that has had a positive influence on library services throughout the state of Ohio. The OLC Board of Directors selects the recipient of this award.

TRUSTEE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT:

Recognizes an individual library board member or entire board of trustees that demonstrates distinguished service and innovative leadership within the community or across Ohio.

Requirements: OLC Member or Institutional Member; for individuals, current or past participation on library board

Criteria: Individual or board has demonstrated: 1) Active and innovative leadership; and 2) Sustained commitment to service at the local or state level.

OFL RECOGNITION AWARD:

Recognizes a Friends group, regardless of community size, that performs imaginative and effective activities that increase community awareness of its library, support library programs, and promote the mission, vision and core values of the library.

Requirements: Member, Ohio Friends of the Library

Criteria: 1) Imaginative and/or effective activities; and 2) Activities that increase community awareness of the library, support library programs, and promote the mission, vision and core values of the library.

DIANA VESCELIUS MEMORIAL AWARD:

Recognizes Ohio's library leaders of tomorrow. This award was created as an acknowledgement of Diana's enthusiasm, and active and creative contributions to the library profession.

Requirements: OLC member; MLIS or library school student; worked 5 years or less in libraries or 35 years or younger.

Criteria: Individual career demonstrates future leadership potential by demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the profession, including advocacy in special areas such as intellectual freedom, library innovation, outreach, and/or expansion of library services.

LIBRARY INNOVATION AWARD:

Recognizes the wide variety of expertise, creative talent, and successful initiatives incorporated in Ohio public libraries, regardless of size. OLC will promote the winning entries on a statewide and national level.

Requirements: OLC member and/or Institutional member (an individual, group or team of individuals, specific library department, and/or branch, or a public library)

Criteria: 1) Program or initiative that breaks new ground in library service, programming, etc.; 2) Significantly benefits employees, library patrons, library operations, or the community-at-large; and 3) Program or initiative can be replicated in other Ohio libraries.