

AWARDS & HONORS

Past Recipients of Awards, Citations, and Honors

HALL OF FAME LIBRARIAN

1970 - Carl Vitz	1990 - Frederick G. Kilgour
1971 - Harriet Long	1991 - Joseph F. Shubert
1972 - Mildred Sandoe	1992 - Hannah McCauley
1973 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera	1993 - Ardath Danford
1974 - Rose L. Vormelker	1994 - R. Russell Munn
1975 - Margaret Kaltenbach	1995 - Rachel Wayne Nelson
1976 - Ruth Hess	1996 - Greg Byerly & Patricia H. Latshaw
1977 - Dorothy I. Strouse	1998 - John N. Storck
1978 - Walter Brahm & Margaret S. Skiff	1999 - Marilyn Gell Mason
1979 - Helen M. Focke	1999 – Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee
1980 - William Chait	2000 - John S. Wallach
1981 - Paul H. Bixler	2001 - Jeffrey A. French
1982 - Dr. Lewis C. Branscomb	2003 – Holly Carroll
1983 - Charlotte Leonard	2004 – Joseph C. Palmer
1985 - Erwin J. Gaines	2005 - Richard Rubin
1986 - A. Chapman Parsons	2007 – Martha Gardin
1988 - Robert F. Cayton	2009 – Kathy East
1989 - John H. Rebenack	2011 – Meribah Mansfield
	2013 – Celia Huffman
	2014 – Don Barlow
	2015 – Deborah F. O'Connor
	2016 – Clyde S. Scoles
	2017 – Kimber L. Fender

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HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE

1970 - Elsie Bennett Wilson

1971 - James J. Weadock. Jr.

1972 - George W. Coen

1976 - Jean M. Coleman

1977 - Arthur W. Marr

1980 - Brooks W. MacCracken

1983 - Emelyne Ely Reed

1989 - Frank W. Steere. Jr.

1992 - Robert Jenkins

1993 - Dennis G. Fedor

1994 - Mary Obenour

1995 - Morton M. Thomas

1996 - Pauline Bennett

1997 - H. Baird Tenney

2001 - Terry L. Casey

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NOTABLE OHIO LIBRARIANS IN THE HALL OF FAME

Every five years, beginning in 1975 and ending in 1990, an ad hoc committee appointed by the OLA Board recommends the names of deceased Ohio librarians for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Elected in 1975

William H. Brett, 1846-1918
Electra C. Doren, 1861-1927
Linda A. Eastman, 1867-1963
James C. Foutts, 1907-1964
Charles B. Galbreath, 1858-1934
Thirza E. Grant, 1886-1970
Chalmers Hadley, 1872-1958
Herbert S. Hirshberg, 1879-1955
Julia Wright Merrill, 1881-1961
Paul A. T. Noon, 1905-1971
Azariah S. Root, 1862-1927
Burton E. Stevenson, 1872-1962
Alice S. Tyler, 1859-1944
Joseph L. Wheeler, 1884-1970

Elected in 1980

George J. Blazier, 1886-1970
Marilla W. Freeman, 1871-1961
Nathaniel Hodges, 1852-1927
Olive Branch Jones, 1863-1933
Effie L. Power, 1873-1969
Paul North Rice, 1888-1967

Elected in 1985

Florence Craig, 1901-1980
Annie S. Cutter, 1877-1957
Raymond Embree, 1905-1968
William J Hamilton, 1884-1974
Hannah S. Hunt, 1903-1973
Earl N. Manchester, 1881-1954
Gilbert W. Ward, 1880-1944
Amy Winslow, 1890-1980

Elected in 1990

Hugh C. Atkinson, 1933-1986
Ernest I. Miller, 1907-1972
L. Quincy Mumford, 1903-1982
Elnora M. Portteus, 1920-1983
A. Robert Rogers, 1927-1985

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LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

1959 - Walter Brahm	1988 - Nancy Wareham
1963 - Helen K. Sunnafrank	1989 - Alan Hall
1964 - Dorothy Strouse	1990 - Floyd C. Dickman & Phyllis Gallo
1965 - R. Russell Munn	1991 - Gregory L. Reese
1967 - Raymond Embree	1992 - Philip Koons
1968 - Mary Zimmerman	1993 - Wallace White
1969 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera	1994 - John J. Philip
1970 - Clara E. Luciola & Ernest I. Miller	1995 - James F. Bouchard & Millie Covey Fry
1972 - Elnora M. Portteus	1996 - John S. Wallach
1973 - Frederick G. Kilgour	1997 - Anthony G. Yankus
1974 - Lewis C. Naylor	1998 - Stephen D. Wood
1975 - William Chait	1999 - Judith Ellen Riggle
1976 - Dr. A. Robert Rogers	2000 - John W.P. Storck
1977 - Doris Wood	2001 - John A. Lonsak & Andrew A. Venable, Jr
1978 - H. Paul Schrank	2003 – Meribah Mansfield
1979 - John H. Rebenack	2004 – Patricia Hillmer
1980 - Hannah McCauley	2005 – Margaret C. Danziger
1981 - Doris Jyurovat	2007 – Nancy J. Kelley
1982 - Kathy East & Ervin I. Gaines	2009 – Kimber Fender
1983 - Robert H. Donahugh	2011 – Donna Perdsock
1984 - Maryann Sadlier	2014 – Mary Jane Santos
1985 - Ardath Danford	2015 – Heidi Daniel
1986 - Jeanne Dykins	2017 – Debbie L. Saunders
1987 - Hwa-Wei Lee	

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LIBRARY INNOVATION AWARD

The Library Innovation Award was established in 2004. This award was created to recognize the wide variety of expertise, creative talent and successful initiatives incorporated in Ohio public libraries, regardless of size. The award recipient may be 1) an individual, 2) group or team of individuals, 3) specific library department, and/or branch or 4) public library that has 'broken new ground' in library service, library programming or specific initiatives, significantly benefiting employee(s), library operations, or the community-at-large. The Library must be an institutional member of OLC.

- 2004 – Cuyahoga County Public Library
Maple Heights Regional Branch
“Homework Yes!” Youth Experiencing Success Program
- 2007 – Training Team of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
- 2009 – Partnership between Elyria Public Library System and Lorain County Community College in the Barbara and Mike Bass Library/Community Resource Center
- 2011 – Wadsworth Public Library
Lending Laptops for Home Use
- 2013 – Consortium of Ohio Libraries (COOL)
- 2014 – Heights Libraries Book Bike Outreach Program Cleveland Heights
- 2015 – Sandusky Library
Internet and Roku Lending Programs
- 2016 – Stark County District Library
BikeSmart Program
- 2017 – Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
“We Have the Hots for You” suite of services

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SUPPORTIVE STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1976 - Jessie Hall	1977 - Elsetta Ervin
1979 - Ward Murray	1980 - Pauline Wrocklage
1981 - Jean Dolan	1982 - John Edward Soult
1984 - Alice Nodes	1985 - Doris Plaine
1986 - Alice Bakies & Jessie Don Butcher	1987 - Joanne Guitteau
1989 - Patricia L. Ray	1990 - Manuel Fonseca
1991 - Gretchen Cunningham	1992 - Marguerite Crist Calvin
1993 - Minnie Waters Mackenzie	1994 - Michael Pope
1995 - Robert L. Simon	1996 - Jeffrey A. Yahraus
1997 - Jennifer Bull	1998 - Betty Spyker
1999 - Lori Schrader	2000 - Eva Greenberg
2001 - Terri Frederick	2003 – Paula Banks
2004 – Judith Scaife	2005 – Helen Wilson
2007 – Martha E. Hamilton	2009 – Steve Prater
2011 – Rebecca Carroll	2013 – Margaret Simon
2015 – Mary S. Baker	2016 – Martin J. Flynn

SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

New award name for 2017

2017 – Michael Christian-Budd

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DIANA VESCELIUS MEMORIAL AWARD

1972 - Jacqueline Johns
1973 - Terry McLaughlin
1974 - Judith K. Mowery
1975 - Daniel S. Suvak
1976 - Elfreda Chatman
1977 - Barbara Newmark
1978 - Carmen Z. Celigoj
1979 - Cheryl Albrecht
1980 - Ellen Bell
1981 - Julie Steinbrenner Brooks
1982 - Walt Lessun
1983 - Louise Hamel
1984 - Susan Barrick
1988 - Sue McCleaf-Nespeca
1989 - Carolyn Morgan Burrier
1990 - Molly Carver
1992 - Beverly Cain
1993 - C. Allen Nichols
1995 - Karen Laird
1998 - Thomas S. Adkins
1998 – Tracy S. Ruhaak
1999 - Maureen Lerch
2001 - Ben Rule
2003 – Sandi Thompson
2004 - Jessica Crim-Weithman
2005 – William Kelly
2009 – Sarah Amazing
2011 – Sam Bloom
2014 – Shayna Muckerheide, Bellevue Public Library
2015 – Evan Struble, State Library of Ohio
2016 – Sarah R. Clevidence, Findlay-Hancock Public Library

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JOHN PHILIP OUTREACH AWARD

1995 - John Philip

1996 - Cheryl Kreiner

1997 - Jean Roberts

1998 - Elizabeth "Betsy" Fried

1999 - June Huss

2000 - Julianne Matasich

2001 - Mercier Robinson

2003 – Abigail Noland

2004 – Deborah Dubois

2005 - Deborah Di Gennaro

2007 – Carol Carmack

2009 – Anne Juhasz

2011 – Kris Netzel

2013 – Elizabeth Hatton Zuelke

2014 – Ann Plazek, Medina County District Library

2015 – Tammy Long, Stark County District Library

2016 – Delaware County District Library, Community and Family Outreach Department

2017 – Cathy E. Hunter

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

1993 - Thomas Dennis & Mark Powell

1994 - Robert H. Russell. Sr.

1995 - Maynard Sauder

1996 - Joan Bennett

1998 - Dr. Thomas W. Flechtner

2003 – Marah Walker

2004 – Kathy Catazaro-Perry

2007 – Sibongile Sithe

2009 – Regina Brett

2014 – Bill Morris

2015 – Jonathan D. Iten

2017 – Stephen A. Hedges

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The A. Chapman Parsons Award is given in recognition of significant activity or accomplishment in the area of government relations. It is named for the late executive director of the Ohio Library Association who established the credibility of librarian/legislative cooperation in Ohio and who defined the elements of successful library advocacy for 22 years. The award reflects Chap Parsons' abiding interest in working productively with governmental authorities. The award is presented by the OLC Board of Directors.

A. CHAPMAN PARSONS AWARD

1998 - John S. Wallach, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library

1999 - Amos Loveday, Former Trustee, Worthington Public Library

2000 - Larry Black, Columbus Metropolitan Library

2001 - Frances Black, Southwest Public Libraries

2002 – George W.S. Hays, Salem Public Library

2003 – Holly Carroll, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library

2017 – Kimber L. Fender, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

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TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

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| 1942 - Elsie Bennett Wilson &
James J. Weadock, Jr. | 1973 - Raymond R. Brown |
| 1945 - Mrs. Max Hellman &
Mrs. R. P. Parkhurst | 1974 - Emelyne Ely Reed |
| 1946 - Bertha Trebein Flynn & H. M. Jacobs | 1975 - Brooks W. MacCracken |
| 1947 - A. E. Gower & J. E. Argetsinger | 1976 - Lee C. Howley, Jr. |
| 1948 - E. A. McCuskey & Jessie J. Smith | 1977 - Florence Gault |
| 1950 - Rebecca F. Gayton &
Ella G. Lupton. M.D. | 1978 - Guion Osborn |
| 1951 - Arthur W. Fiske & Fred M. Fuller | 1979 - L. Eugene Byers, DVM |
| 1952 - Mrs. Agnes Hirsch & J. S. Masson | 1980 - Raymond Gaier |
| 1953 - Robert J. Brown -Mrs. Karl B. Hoke | 1981 - John T. Nolan, Jr. |
| 1954 - Mrs. Leonard Church | 1982 - Mrs. Avis Cullen |
| 1956 - Clyde C. Henderson &
George Wiseman, M.D. | 1984 - Dennis G. Fedor |
| 1957 - H. William Lilley | 1985 - James B. Stubbins |
| 1958 - Aubrey Billings, Ethel G. Swanbeck
& Dr. Walter A. Zaugg | 1986 - Easter Straker |
| 1959 - Ina Warner Broeman,
Jacob A. Meckstroth &
George W. Murdock | 1988 - Alice Wilson |
| 1961 - William F. Maag | 1989 - Bonnie J. Cordell |
| 1962 - Bernice A. Warner | 1990 - Ralph L. Moore |
| 1963 - George W. Coen | 1991 - Richard Danford |
| 1965 - Mrs. Dorothy Smucker | 1992 - James R. Kimmel |
| 1966 - Joseph E. Hurst | 1993 - Dr. William D. Baker |
| 1967 - Mrs. George Harding III &
Clarence D. Steffy | 1994 - Robert F. Sullivan |
| 1968 - Mrs. Leland Spore | 1995 - David C. Miller |
| 1969 - Arthur W. Marr | 1996 - JoAnn Vance |
| 1970 - Charles E. Blakeslee | 1997 - Amos J. Loveday |
| 1971 - Mrs. Jean Coleman | 1998 - Ian Haberman |
| 1972 - Thomas H. Anderson | 1999 - Harold V. Felton |
| | 2001 - Harold B. Cooper |

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TRUSTEE AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

1976 - Troy-Miami County Public Library
1977 - Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County
1978 - Summit County Trustee Council
1979 - Minerva Public Library
1980 - Fairfield County District Library
1981 - East Cleveland Public Library
1982 - Loudonville Public Library
1983 - Burton Public Library
1984 - Lorain Public Library
1985 - Community Public Library, St. Marys
1986 - Geauga County Public Library
1987 - Flesh Public Library
1988 - Portage County District Library
1990 - Washington County Public Library
1991 - Pickaway County District Library
1992 - Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County Library
1993 - Clermont County Public Library
1994 - Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library

TRUSTEE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

(combined Trustee of the Year/Trustee or Board of Trustees Award of Achievement)

2003 – Queen Lester
2004 – Charlotte Kessler
2005 – Doris Lawler
2007 – Patricia T. Holter
2009 – Gregory Clifford, Esq.
2009 – Louis Dudek
2011 – William Moran
2013 – William Shkurti
2014 – Bob Plantz
2015 – Kathleen Hickey Green
2016 – Benjamin Chinni
2017 – Thomas R. Uhler

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OHIO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY RECOGNITION AWARDS

- 1987 - Friends of the North Canton Public Library
Friends of the Sylvania Branch of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
- 1988 - Friends of Kirtland Public Library
- 1989 - Friends of Herrick Memorial Library
Friends of Middletown Public Library
- 1990 - Friends of Beachwood Library
Friends of West Union Branch, Ohio Valley District Free Library
- 1991 - Friends of Lakewood Public Library
Friends of Columbiana Public Library
- 1992 - Friends of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
Friends of Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
Friends of Portage Lakes Branch, Akron-Summit County Public Library
- 1993 - Friends of Muskingum County Library System
Friends of Geauga West Branch, Geauga County Public Library
Friends of Chardon Branch, Geauga County Public Library
Friends of Tipp City Public Library
- 1994 - Friends of Cleveland Public Library
Friends of Stark County Public Library
Friends of Worthington Public Library
Friends of Pickerington Public Library
Friends of Columbia Branch, Lorain Public Library
- 1995 - Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library
Friends of Porter Public Library
- 1996 - Friends of South Branch, Muskingum County Public Library
- 1997 - Friends of Avon Branch, Lorain Public Library
Friends of Stryker Branch, Williams County Public Library
- 1998 - Friends of Milton-Union Public Library
Friends of Scio Branch, Puskarich Public Library
Friends of Lorain Public Library
Friends of Avon Lake Public Library
- 1999 - Friends of Elyria Public Library
- 2000 - Friends of Main Library, Akron-Summit County Public Library
- 2001 - Less than 100 members, Friends of the Avon Library
101-300 members, Friends of the Brecksville Library, Cuyahoga County Public Library
Over 300 members, Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Library

2003 – Friends of the Pickerington Public Library

2004 – Friends of the Burton Public Library

2005 – Friends of the Athens Public Library

2007 – Friends of Tuscarawas County Public Library

2009 – Friends of Shaker Library

2011 – Friends of Loudonville Public Library and
Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library

2013 – Friends of Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

2014 – Lake Community Friends of the Library

2015 – Friends of the Cooper Community Library
Paulding County Carnegie Library System

2016 – Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library
Washington-Centerville Public Library

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The Andrew Carnegie Award is presented by the OLC Board of Directors to a government official in recognition of support of the ideals and challenges to public libraries. The award is so named because no one person has given more to public libraries than Mr. Carnegie.

ANDREW CARNEGIE AWARD

1995 - Vern Riffe, House Speaker

1995 - Stan Aronoff, Senate President

1996 - Richard Finan, Senate (S.D. 7)

1997 - George Voinovich, Governor

1998 - Priscilla Mead, Representative (H.D. 28)

1999 - Roy Ray, Senator (S.D. 27)

2001 - Randy Gardner, Senator (S.D. 18)

2002 - Larry Householder, House Speaker

2003 – Mark Mallory, Senator (S.D. 9)

2005 – John Carey, Senator (S.D. 17)

2013 – Bill Beagle, Senator (S.D. 5)

2017 – Ryan Smith, Representative (H.D. 93)