



*Awards & Honors
Past Recipients*

About

The Ohio Library Council presents major awards honoring individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to Ohio's public library community. Award recipients are chosen based on nominations and recommendations received from the Ohio library community. This program has a long tradition of celebrating the innovative and dedicated people who make Ohio's public libraries successful and vibrant. If you know of a great co-worker or team, please review the evaluation criteria and categories on the OLC website and nominate a deserving colleague.

Awards categories:

- **HALL OF FAME LIBRARIAN**
- **LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR**
- **SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD**
- **OHIO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY RECOGNITION**
- **TRUSTEE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT**
- **JOHN PHILIP OUTREACH AWARD**
- **DIANA VESCELIUS EMERGING LEADER AWARD**
- **LIBRARY INNOVATION AWARD**
- **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Award descriptions and criteria available at
<http://olc.org/about-us/awards>

Award Recipients

Hall of Fame Librarian

- 1970 - Carl Vitz
- 1971 - Harriet Long
- 1972 - Mildred Sandoe
- 1973 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera
- 1974 - Rose L. Vormelker
- 1975 - Margaret Kaltenbach
- 1976 - Ruth Hess
- 1977 - Dorothy I. Strouse
- 1978 - Walter Brahm,
Margaret S. Skiff
- 1979 - Helen M. Focke
- 1980 - William Chait
- 1981 - Paul H. Bixler
- 1982 - Dr. Lewis C. Branscomb
- 1983 - Charlotte Leonard
- 1985 - Erwin J. Gaines
- 1986 - A. Chapman Parsons
- 1988 - Robert F. Cayton
- 1989 - John H. Rebenack
- 1990 - Frederick G. Kilgour
- 1991 - Joseph F. Shubert
- 1992 - Hannah McCauley
- 1993 - Ardath Danford
- 1994 - R. Russell Munn
- 1995 - Rachel Wayne Nelson
- 1996 - Greg Byerly,
Patricia H. Latshaw
- 1998 - John N. Storck
- 1999 - Marilyn Gell Mason,
Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee
- 2000 - John S. Wallach
- 2001 - Jeffrey A. French
- 2003 - Holly Carroll
- 2004 - Joseph C. Palmer
- 2005 - Richard Rubin
- 2007 - Martha Gardin
- 2009 - Kathy East
- 2011 - Meribah Mansfield
- 2013 - Celia Huffman
- 2014 - Don W. Barlow
- 2015 - Deborah F. O'Connor
- 2016 - Clyde S. Scoles
- 2017 - Kimber L. Fender
- 2018 - Missy Lodge
- 2019 - Alan Hall

Notable Ohio Hall of Fame Librarians

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

Elected in 1985 *(continued)*

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

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

Librarian of the Year Award Recipients

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| 1959 - Walter Brahm | 1991 - Gregory L. Reese |
| 1963 - Helen K. Sunnafrank | 1992 - Philip Koons |
| 1964 - Dorothy Strouse | 1993 - Wallace White |
| 1965 - R. Russell Munn | 1994 - John J. Philip |
| 1967 - Raymond Embree | 1995 - James F. Bouchard,
Millie Covey Fry |
| 1968 - Mary Zimmerman | 1996 - John S. Wallach |
| 1969 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera | 1997 - Anthony G. Yankus |
| 1970 - Clara E. Luciola,
Ernest I. Miller | 1998 - Stephen D. Wood |
| 1972 - Elnora M. Portteus | 1999 - Judith Ellen Riggle |
| 1973 - Frederick G. Kilgour | 2000 - John W.P. Storck |
| 1974 - Lewis C. Naylor | 2001 - John A. Lonsak,
Andrew A. Venable, Jr. |
| 1975 - William Chait | 2003 - Meribah Mansfield |
| 1976 - Dr. A. Robert Rogers | 2004 - Patricia Hillmer |
| 1977 - Doris Wood | 2005 - Margaret C. Danziger |
| 1978 - H. Paul Schrank | 2007 - Nancy J. Kelley |
| 1979 - John H. Rebenack | 2009 - Kimber L. Fender |
| 1980 - Hannah McCauley | 2011 - Donna L. Perdzock |
| 1981 - Doris Jyurovat | 2014 - Mary Jane Santos |
| 1982 - Kathy East, Ervin I. Gaines | 2015 - Heidi Daniel |
| 1983 - Robert H. Donahugh | 2017 - Debbie L. Saunders |
| 1984 - Maryann Sadlier | 2018 - Andrea C. Legg |
| 1985 - Ardath Danford | 2019 - Jeff Winkle |
| 1986 - Jeanne Dykins | |
| 1987 - Hwa-Wei Lee | |
| 1988 - Nancy Wareham | |
| 1989 - Alan Hall | |
| 1990 - Floyd C. Dickman,
Phyllis Gallo | |

Trustee of the Year Recipients

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

Trustee Award of Achievement Recipients

- 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 LibraryLibrary
- 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 in 2003)

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| 2003 - Queen Lester | 2014 - Bob Plantz |
| 2004 - Charlotte Kessler | 2015 - Kathleen Hickey Green |
| 2005 - Doris Lawler | 2016 - Benjamin Chinni |
| 2007 - Patricia T. Holter | 2017 - Thomas R. Uhler |
| 2009 - Gregory Clifford, Esq.
Louis Dudek | 2018 - Michael W. Kilbourne |
| 2011 - William J. Moran | 2019 - Barbara Denison |
| 2013 - William Shkurti | |

John Philip Outreach Award Recipients

- 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 DiGennaro
- 2007 - Carol Ann Carmack
- 2009 - Anne Juhasz
- 2011 - Kris Netzel
- 2013 - Elizabeth Hatton Zuelke
- 2014 - Ann Plazek
- 2015 - Tammy Long
- 2016 - Delaware County District Library, Community & Family Outreach Services Department
- 2017 - Cathy E. Hunter
- 2018 - Linda Toohey
- 2019 - Stephanie Brown and Brittany Labinger

A. Chapman Parsons Award Recipients

- 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 and Hamilton County

Citizen of the Year Award Recipients

- 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 (Bongi) Sithe
- 2009 - Regina Brett
- 2014 - Bill Morris
- 2015 - Jonathan D. Iten
- 2017 - Stephen A. Hedges
- 2018 - Ryan D. Burgess
- 2019 - Douglas S. Evans

Andrew Carnegie Award Recipients

- 1995 - Vern Riffe, House Speaker
- 1995 - Stan Aronoff, Senate President
- 1996 - Richard Finan, Senator (7)
- 1997 - George Voinovich, Governor
- 1998 - Priscilla Mead, Representative (28)
- 1999 - Roy Ray, Senator (27)
- 2001 - Randy Gardner, Senator (18)
- 2002 - Larry Householder, House Speaker
- 2003 - Mark Mallory, Senator (9)
- 2005 - John Carey, Senator (17)
- 2013 - Bill Beagle, Senator (5)
- 2017 - Ryan Smith, Representative (93)

James Cook Book Award: Celebrating Diversity in Teen Literature

- 2019 - Elizabeth Acevedo's The Poet X
- 2017 - Neal Shusterman's Challenger Deep
- 2015 - Jandy Nelson's I'll Give You the Sun
- 2013 - A.S. King's Ask the Passengers
- 2011 - Francisco X. Stork's Marcelo in the Real World
- 2009 - Michael Harmon's Last Exit to Normal
- 2007 - Marina Budhos' Ask Me No Questions

Supportive Staff Member of the Year Recipients

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| 1976 - Jessie Hall | 2005 - Helen Wilson |
| 1977 - Elsetta Ervin | 2007 - Martha E. Hamilton |
| 1979 - Ward Murray | 2009 - Steve Prater |
| 1980 - Pauline Wrocklage | 2011 - Rebecca J. Carroll |
| 1981 - Jean Dolan | 2012-13 - Margaret Clarke Simon |
| 1982 - John Edward Soult | 2015 - Mary S. Baker |
| 1984 - Alice Nodes | 2016 - Martin J. Flynn |
| 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 | |

Service Excellence Award Recipients

(named change 2017)

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| 2017 - Michael Christian-Budd |
| 2018 - Lynn Mercer |
| 2019 - Grace Walker |

Diana Vescelius Memorial Award Recipients

- 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, Tracy S. Ruhaak
- 1999 - Maureen Lerch
- 2001 - Ben Rule
- 2003 - Sandi Thompson
- 2004 - Jessica Crim-Weithman
- 2005 - William Kelly
- 2009 - Sarah (Pillivant) Amazing
- 2011 - Sam Bloom
- 2014 - Shayna Muckerheide
- 2015 - Evan Struble
- 2016 - Sarah R. Clevidence

Diana Vescelius Emerging Leader Award

(name change 2017)

- 2018 - Amanda Marquart
- 2019 - Pamela Brockway

Library Innovation Award Recipients

- 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 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 - Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
Book Bike Outreach Program

- 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" Services

- 2018 - Medina County District Library
GED Testing Center

- 2019 - Andrea Francis, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
The Grandparent Project

Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award Recipients

- 1987 - Friends of the North Canton Public Library,
Friends of the Sylvania Branch
(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
(Gauga County Public Library), Friends of Chardon Branch
(Gauga 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

Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award

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- 1999 - Friends of Elyria Public Library
- 2000 - Friends of Main Library (Akron-Summit County Public Library)
- 2001 - Friends of the Avon Library, Friends of the Brecksville Library
(Cuyahoga County Public Library),
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 the Columbus Metropolitan Library,
Friends of the Loudonville Public Library
- 2012-13 - Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati
and Hamilton County
- 2014 - Lake Community Friends of the Library,
Stark County District Library
- 2015 - Friends of the Cooper Community Library,
Paulding County Carnegie Library System
- 2016 - Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library
- 2018 - Friends of the Delaware County District Library

Thank you for attending the Awards and Honors Luncheon.

The Awards and Honors Committee appreciates your efforts to help recognize this year's honorees. Nominations for the 2020 OLC Awards and Honors will open in January.

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