About the Andrew Carnegie Award
This award is presented to government officials who have exhibited outstanding support of public libraries and their efforts to assure quality public library services to all Ohioans. Previous recipients of this award include Governors, Ohio House Speakers, Ohio Senate Presidents and members of the General Assembly. This award is so named because no one person has given more to public libraries than Andrew Carnegie.

Previous 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)
2020 - Larry Obhof, Senate President

Ohio Senate President Pro Temp Jay Hottinger
The OLC Government Relations Committee (GRC) is recommending that Ohio Senate President Pro Tempore Jay Hottinger be presented the Andrew Carnegie Award at OLC’s 2022 Legislative Day.

The GRC and OLC staff would like to continue our tradition of recognizing individuals who support Ohio’s public libraries and advocate on their behalf in the state legislature. Senator Hottinger has never wavered in his support of Ohio’s public libraries and their efforts to provide quality public library service to all Ohioans.

- During the state budget negotiations for FY 2022-2023, Sen. Hottinger played a key role in ensuring that the Public Library Fund was maintained at 1.7% of the State’s General Revenue Fund and not reduced. His support was especially important through Conference Committee.

Sen. Hottinger has been a member of the Ohio General Assembly since 1994 and his term will end December 31, 2022.

RESOLVED, That the Andrew Carnegie Award be presented to Ohio Senate President Pro Tempore Jay Hottinger (R-Newark).