Background on OLC Organizational Awards
The Ohio Library Council currently has 11 Organizational Awards – 8 recommended by the Awards and Honors Committee; 2 recommended by the Government Relations Committee and 1 directly from the OLC Board of Directors. All OLC Organizational Awards must go through the OLC Board of Directors for final approval. https://olc.org/about-us/awards/

Awards & Honors Committee
- 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 and Community Engagement Award
- Diana Vescelius Emerging Leader Award
- Library Innovation Award

Government Relations Committee
- Andrew Carnegie Award (State Official Advocacy Award)
- Chapman Parsons Award (OLC Member Advocacy Award)

OLC Board of Directors
- Citizen of the Year Award

Background on James Cook Book Award
In July 2006, the OLC Young Adult Services Division (now the Teen Services Division) presented a proposal to establish the James Cook Teen Book Award Celebrating Diversity in Teen Literacy. At that time, the Board expressed concern about creating memorial awards, cost of the author’s travel to the convention, criteria that would be utilized to select the winning book and if this would be better suited for the Ohioana Library. In the end, the Board approved the criteria but indicated it would be a division award and not an OLC organizational award.

Since 2006, the Teen Services Division created the James Cook Book Award Selection Committee and has given the award 7 times. The committee reviews titles over a two-year period, discusses the selections and then selects an awardee as well as honorable mentions. https://olc.org/about-us/divisions/teen-services-division/james-cook-book-award/

Other Book Award Programs
- OLC Co-sponsors and financially supports the Buckeye Children’s & Teen Book Award with the State Library of Ohio and the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA).
- OLC promotes the Ohioana Book Awards through the Ohioana Library.
Proposed Changes from the Teen Services Division

The OLC Teen Services Division would like to make the following changes to the James Cook Book Award (JCBA) in order to modernize the award, eliminate timing issues, preserve its history, and position it for future growth.

Proposed Timeline:

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<td>January 1, even year</td>
<td>Deadline for Chair selection</td>
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<td>March 1, even year</td>
<td>Nominations Open (books published previous year and current year)</td>
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<td>May 1, even year</td>
<td>Call for committee members announced</td>
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<td>August 1, even year</td>
<td>Deadline for committee applications</td>
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<td>September 1, even year</td>
<td>Committee is set, begin reading nominations</td>
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<td>February 1, odd year</td>
<td>Book nominations deadline</td>
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<td>May/June odd year</td>
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<td>July 1, odd year</td>
<td>Award committee deadline for choosing book</td>
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<td>OLC Convention and Expo, odd year</td>
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Proposed Changes to Awards Criteria:

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<th>Current JCBA criteria</th>
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<td>Demonstrates excellence in writing</td>
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<td>Contains a teen as one of the main characters</td>
<td>Designated by its publisher as being either a young adult book or one published for grades 6-12 and appeals to students within that age range</td>
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<td>Promotes cultural, ethnic, or social diversity</td>
<td>An author whose lived experience gives them insight into the lives of the community they are writing about</td>
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<td>Wide appeal to a teen audience (grades 6-12)</td>
<td>Addresses diversity in a meaningful way and promotes justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.</td>
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Eliminate OLC’s funding of author’s attendance at Convention and Expo:

Since the JCBA was created, no winning author has ever accepted the JCBA in-person. More recently, authors have submitted an acceptance video which is played during the Awards and Honors Luncheon at the Convention and Expo. The Teen Services Division is proposing to eliminate the funding of author travel expenses. In addition, members of the Teen Services Division do not typically attend the OLC Awards and Honors Luncheon.

3.F: James Cook Book Award
Define Expectations of Chair and Committee Members:

Based on the workload reported by committee members from the 2021 cycle, these are the expectations:

- Minimum 9-month volunteer commitment
- Complete 1-3 hours per week of non-reading engagement
- Nominate at least 3 books for the award
- Read all nominated books (total of 25-50 titles)

Chair expectations:

- 19 to 21-month volunteer commitment
- Complete 1-3 hours per week of non-reading engagement
- Nominate at least 3 books for the award
- Read all nominated books (total of 25-50 titles)
- Maintain documentation, including committee roster, nominated books list, and meeting minutes
- Prepare reports for Teen Services Division Action Council meeting
- Communicate with OLC staff on award status and promotion
- Present or delegate award presentation of JCBA at Convention and Expo