

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **4.A**

MEETING DATE: **May 13, 2022**

SUBJECT: **OLC Citizen of the Year Award**

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REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

The OLC Board of Directors is responsible for identifying nominees and selecting the winner of the OLC Citizen of the Year Award. The criteria for the Citizen of the Year Award is as follows:

The OLC Citizen of the Year Award recognizes a citizen, or a group of citizens in Ohio who has/have made a noteworthy contribution that has had a positive influence on library services throughout the State of Ohio.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award will be solicited from the membership through announcements in *Access Weekly*, *This Week*, and on the OLC website. Staff also will suggest possible candidates and make recommendations to the OLC Board at the meeting on July 15.

Previous Awardees:

- 2021 – Terry Fouts
- 2019 – Doug Evans
- 2018 – Ryan Burgess
- 2017 – Stephen Hedges
- 2015 – Jon Iten
- 2014 – Bill Morris
- 2009 – Regina Brett
- 2007 – Sibongile (Bongi) Sithe
- 2004 – Kathy Catazaro-Perry
- 2003 – Marah Walker
- 1998 – Dr. Thomas W. Flechtner
- 1996 – Joan Bennett
- 1995 – Maynard Sauder
- 1994 – Robert H. Russell. Sr.
- 1993 – Thomas Dennis, Mark Powell