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Division or Committee Name:

Awards & Honors

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Did you sponsor or present an OLC webinar?

Not applicable

Did you sponsor program(s) at OLC events? (Conferences, Convention and Expo, etc.)

Yes

List Professional Development program(s), date(s), and provide brief overview of program(s):

Our annual Awards Luncheon is the cumulation of our yearlong committee work where we formally recognize individuals, groups, and organizations for their significant impact and contributions to the Ohio Library community.

Did you host an OLC Connects table at the Convention and Expo?

Yes

Did you distribute any print or electronic communications (newsletters, articles, publications)?

Yes

Briefly describe communications:

Throughout the year committee members wrote various Access articles to explain the changes that were made to the awards beginning in 2023 and to promote individual awards and the nomination cycle.

Did you utilize the OLC website?

Yes

Did you create any new partnerships or initiatives?

Yes

If yes, please describe partnerships/initiatives:

In late 2022 our recommendations to the Board to update the awards were accepted. In 2023 we ensured that the information on the Awards & Honors page of the OLC website was updated. We incorporated the feedback from the OLC Board regarding the naming for the award recognizing exceptional service from a board member, trustee, or other unpaid volunteer and created the name Local Library Champion. We wrote Access articles to introduce our new award categories as well as, individual Access articles for their promotion.

Please list Goals and Objectives for next year:

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2024 will be a unique year because we will not be hosting a Convention and Expo due to PLA being in Ohio in April. The Awards & Honors Committee has recommended that because of this we do not present any awards in 2024. We plan to be intentional and focus our attention on ensuring that our awards and processes are consistent and transparent and any barriers to nominating are removed. We also plan to create documentation for our workflow and processes.