

Library of the Year Award

Purpose:

To recognize a Florida library that has demonstrated outstanding service to its community.

Eligibility:

Nominee can be a single library or a library system. This award is open to all libraries in the State of Florida including but not limited to academic, public, special, and school libraries. Both nominator(s) and nominee must be current members of the Florida Library Association.

Criteria:

- Creativity and/or innovation in programming
- Expansion and/or enhancement of service to all constituents and areas of the community: city, county, campus
- Leadership in implementing programs that can be emulated by other libraries

The nominee library is (indicate one):

___ A public library serving a census population of _____ (please indicate number).

___ A special library (including museums and culture organizations)

___ An academic library

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Creativity and/or innovation in programming	Demonstrates significant creativity and/or innovation in programming (taking into account the budget per capita and population served). Has received awards or recognition for innovation locally or nationally (news, journals, grants, conference announcements, etc.).	Demonstrates creativity and/or innovation in programming (taking into account the budget per capita and population served.) Has received recognition locally; e.g., news, newsletter, announcements, etc.	Demonstrates creativity and/or innovation in programming (taking into account the budget per capita and population served).	Demonstrates some or little creativity and/or innovation in programming, or not enough information is provided to determine (taking into account the budget per capita and population served).
Expansion and/or enhancement of service to all constituents and areas of the community: city, county, campus.	Demonstrates a significant expansion of service to all constituents and areas of the community (taking into account the budget per capita and population served). Provides data (e.g., charts, graphs, percentages) that demonstrate significant growth as a result of expansion/enhancement.	Demonstrates expansion of service to constituents and areas of the community and segments of service area (taking into account the budget per capita and population served). Has received recognition locally; e.g., news, newsletters, announcements, etc. and provides documented patron comments and/or data showing upward growth	Demonstrates expansion of service to most constituents and areas of the community (taking into account the budget per capita and population served). Data is missing elements or incomplete, or data shows growth is very small.	Demonstrates some or little expansion of service to some constituents and areas of the community (taking into account the budget per capita and population served). There is no data to demonstrate growth.
Leadership in implementing programs that can be emulated by other libraries	Library or system demonstrates exceptional leadership in implementing programs that can be easily emulated by other libraries regardless of resource constraints and population served.	Library or system demonstrates good leadership in implementing programs that can be easily emulated by other libraries. May require resources that are not easily obtainable; programs can be easily modified to fit certain target populations.	Library or system demonstrates leadership in implementing programs that can be emulated by other libraries. Will require resources that are difficult to obtain; cannot be modified to fit various populations.	Library or system demonstrates little or no leadership in implementing programs or the programs cannot be emulated by other libraries, or not enough information is provided to determine (taking into account the budget per capita and population served).

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