

Library of the Year Award

Purpose:

To recognize a Florida library that has demonstrated outstanding service to its community through leadership, creativity, innovation, and/or an expansion of services.

Eligibility:

Nominee must:

- Be a single library or a library system in Florida (academic, public, special, or school).

The nominator must be a current member 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.

Is the nominator a current Florida Library Association member? Yes _____ No _____

The nominee library is (indicate one):

____ An academic library

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

____ A special library (including museums and culture organizations).

____ A school library

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| Creativity and/or innovation in programming. | Demonstrates significant creativity and/or innovation in programming (considering 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 (considering the budget per capita and population served.) Has received recognition locally, e.g. news, newsletter, announcements, etc. | Demonstrates creativity and/or innovation in programming (considering the budget per capita and population served). | Demonstrates some or little creativity and/or innovation in programming (Considering the budget per capita and population served), or not enough information is provided to determine. |
| 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 budget per capita and population served). Provides data (charts, graphs, %s) 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 budget per capita and population served). Has received recognition locally; e.g., news, newsletters, announcements, etc.; provides documented patron feedback or data showing upward growth. | Demonstrates expansion of service to most constituents and areas of the community (taking into account 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 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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