

AzLA Service Awards

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Emerging Leader Award

This award is open to any person working in a library who shows exceptional promise as a leader in the field. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals with strong leadership potential in order to encourage them to take on roles of increasing responsibility in library work.

Criteria for the award include one or more of the following:

- creation of innovative programs or services;
- creating a positive vision, communicating it to others, and inspiring and guiding others to achieve it;
- making exceptional use of local, state, or national library resources including grants;
- actively participating in professional library organizations on a local, state, regional, or national level;
- showing a commitment and belief in the vitality, flexibility and future of library service; and / or
- having two (2) full years of full-time library service in Arizona prior to nomination and no more than five (5) years work history.
- Individual is not required to have an MLIS degree.

Newton & Betty Rosenzweig Distinguished Service Award

This award is presented to an active or retired layperson or librarian. Emphasis is placed on effectiveness institutionally, regionally or state-wide.

Criteria include significant accomplishments and leadership over the past five (5) years in Arizona in several of the following areas:

- Promotion of libraries and library services in Arizona;
- Active support of AzLA;
- Legislative activity and support;
- Mentoring;
- Staff development;
- Professional publications;
- Contributions to the future of librarianship and information science as a profession;
- Raising the profile of work in libraries;
- Raising the profile of the library in Arizona; and / or
- Significant participation in a special project relating to libraries or library service.
- Individual is not required to have an MLIS degree.

Any awardee who is not already an AzLA member will receive a free one-year membership to AzLA.

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INDIVIDUAL SERVICE

Outstanding Services Award

(Note: This combines the adult, young adult, and youth service categories from 2023)

The Outstanding Services Award is given to an individual who provides exemplary services, programs, collections, and events to their community.

Nominees must demonstrate notable and outstanding performance in producing, developing and promoting programs, services, collections, and reading activities for patrons of any age group in their libraries and communities. Individual is not required to have an MLIS degree.

Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator Award

This award is given to an individual who demonstrates excellence and service in promoting, coordinating, and directing library volunteers. Individual is not required to have an MLIS degree.

Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician Award

This award is given to an individual who has served as a model of the important role that the paraprofessional plays in providing quality library service and has exemplified an integral part of the paraprofessional performs as a library staff member.

Nominees will be judged on the basis of:

- Demonstrated on-the-job excellence, as noted by their supervisors;
- Support and enhancement the services of the library where they work;
- Evidence of interest in continuing education and other learning opportunities;
- Service to AzLA and other library organizations; and /or
- Participation in other noteworthy community activities will also be considered.
- Individual is not required to have an MLIS degree.

Follett School Librarian of the Year Award

This award is given to an individual who serves as a model for implementing the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Standards. Follett School Library Resources sponsors this award. Will gift a \$500 Titlewave voucher to the Arizona Teacher Librarian award recipient.

Nominees must be certified school library media specialists (with or without MLIS) in Arizona who demonstrate notable or outstanding performance in the areas of collaboration with classroom teachers, educational leadership, technology, and advocacy for school libraries.

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INDIVIDUAL, PROJECT TEAM, OR LIBRARY

Innovative Program Award

(Note: This combines the adult, young adult, and youth service categories from 2023)

This award is given to the librarian or library staff member, projects team, or library who facilitated an innovative program demonstrating creativity, quality, and positive community impact. This award is open to all library types.

The program must positively impact the local community and the library. Programs should exemplify values of education or information, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and community engagement. Applicants need to show evidence of a positive public relations benefit occurring as a result of the program.

Outreach Services Award

The Little Chapel of All Nations, Tucson, provides a monetary award to the librarian or library staff member, projects team, or library that provides exemplary library outreach services to under-resourced populations.

Nominees must demonstrate notable and outstanding performance in producing, developing and promoting programs, services, collections, and reading activities for the under-resourced populations of their community.

Library Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is open to any individual or group serving in a volunteer capacity in any library. Nominees should exemplify exceptional library service. Emphasis will be placed on activities that go beyond the standard requirements of good library service and the nominee's investment of personal time.

Nominees must demonstrate:

- activities that go beyond the standard requirements
- investment of personal time

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