

## **MODISETTE AWARD FOR: LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

- SPONSOR:** Louisiana Library Association
- FREQUENCY:** Annual, if merited.
- DEADLINE:** All nomination materials shall be due by January 16<sup>th</sup> of the year of the LLA Conference during which the award will be presented.
- PURPOSE:** To honor distinguished service to libraries in Louisiana by a public library trustee. To promote public library service in Louisiana through recognition of the services rendered by library trustees.
- DESCRIPTION:** Framed "Citation of Merit"

### **PREREQUISITES:**

1. Must be a public library trustee in actual service during the last calendar year preceding the LLA Conference, but award may be based on cumulative years of activity.
2. Must be a current member of LLA.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

1. Criteria: Examples of specific distinguished service which may be considered in awarding the Modisette Award for a Library Trustee are as follows:
  - a. Exercising the normal duties of a board member in so exemplary a manner as to serve as a paragon of library trusteeship
  - b. Acting courageously to preserve a library system from would-be censors, unjust critics or other hostile forces
  - c. Establishing library support organizations
  - d. Spearheading a successful building campaign resulting in beautiful new facilities
  - e. Spearheading the consolidation of a small, underfunded local library system into a larger, more prosperous parish wide system to the spectacular advantage of both.
  - f. Spearheading a major public relations campaign to successfully promote the library or its services
  - g. Maintaining an extraordinarily positive high profile or presence in the community which benefits the library system in some specific way
  - h. Giving significant financial contributions to a library system
  - i. Giving significant contributions of property, real estate, buildings or other real property to a library system

- j. Establishing an endowment for scholarship funds for the education of library personnel
2. The award is to be determined from a single letter of nomination. This letter shall include documentation giving maximum highlighting of all material concerning the candidate: it should mirror the selection criteria. The focus of the letter of nomination should underscore the specific reasons as to what the nominee has done for his/her library above and beyond the normal and weighty responsibilities of all trustees. All other letters shall be considered as supporting material. Supporting and/or descriptive documentation is encouraged. This would include such items as press clippings, photograph, and excerpts from Board of Control minutes.
3. The letter of nomination will remain valid for three years, if updated annually, in writing, requesting that the committee reconsider that nomination.
4. Equal consideration is to be given to trustees of small and large libraries.
5. Recommendations for citations may be submitted by any library board, any individual trustee, any LLA member, or any interested citizen.
6. In addition to the written recommendation, the committee may seek further information.

**EVALUATION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any board, individual trustee, LLA member or interested citizen may nominate a trustee for the award.
2. The committee will determine the award recipient from a detailed nomination letter listing the nominee's accomplishments and contributions.
3. A letter of nomination remains valid for three years if the letter of nomination is updated (in writing) annually and prior to the above deadline.
4. In addition to the letter of nomination, the committee may seek and/or consider further information.
5. In choosing the recipient the committee may consider activities at the national, state or local level.
6. The committee gives equal consideration to nominees from large and small library systems.