LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

SPONSOR: Public Section of the Louisiana Library Association

FREQUENCY: Annual, if merited.

DEADLINE: January 16th of the award year.

PURPOSE: To recognize the outstanding contribution of a Louisiana public librarian who is not a director.

DESCRIPTION: Engraved plaque.

PREREQUISITES:

REQUIREMENTS:

1. LLA member; MLS or MLIS; and minimum 5 years experience in libraries. This award is for any professional librarian except the library director.

2. Nominations must be made by a current member of the Public Section.

3. Completed nomination forms will be sent to the LLA executive office.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. The award is to be determined from the nomination forms and the supporting data.

2. The nomination statement should include:
   a. Improvement of library service in Louisiana.
   b. Superior customer service and evidence of how the librarian has reached library patrons, students or other clients.
   c. Development of innovative approaches to library and information issues.
   d. Contribution to the development of the library profession through participation in the association.
   e. Contributions to literature, teaching and/or other related activities.

3. Supportive data could be included in the text of the statement in narrative or tabular form. These may include:
   a. Basic information about the candidate’s public library system.
   b. Biographical data.
   c. Additional endorsements from other public librarians.