

LOUISIANA LITERARY AWARD COMMITTEE

Committee Composition

Committee consists of five members appointed by the LLA President and approved by the Executive Board; members serve overlapping three-year terms. Chairperson is appointed by the LLA President and should have served on this committee for at least one year. All committee members must have current membership in LLA. Membership should be representative of the different types of libraries and the different geographic areas of the state. At least one member should be a person in close contact with Louisiana-related materials. In order to ensure continuity, this person should be reappointed continuously for as long as (s)he wishes to serve.

With approval of the LLA President, the committee may select a person to act as a consultant in making a selection when the judgment of an authority is needed. This person may or may not be a librarian or member of LLA. The consultant would be invited to serve for this one occasion, although the same person could be invited to serve again by another chairperson in another year.

LOUISIANA LITERARY AWARD

SPONSOR: Louisiana Library Association; this is a standing committee of LLA.

FREQUENCY: Annual, if merited.

DEADLINE: All books with a copyright date of the previous year are automatically considered for the award. The deadline for choosing a winner will be December 1, and the award will be presented at the annual conference the following spring.

PURPOSE: To promote interest in books related to Louisiana, to encourage their publication, and to keep informed on the release of such books.

DESCRIPTION: Bronze medal; \$250 award.

PREREQUISITES:

1. The book must have a copyright date of the calendar year preceding the year in which the winner is chosen. The committee will use the bibliography of Louisiana books mentioned below that was compiled in the previous year as the basis for their selection.
2. The subject must be related to Louisiana.
3. The book may be adult or juvenile, fiction or non-fiction, and it may be in any literary medium -- poetry, essay, history, drama, book of illustrations, etc.
4. A book which deals only partially with Louisiana may be considered if a major portion of the book deals with Louisiana, or if the portion of the book dealing with Louisiana is of significant interest.
5. The editor or translator may be considered if the book is otherwise of sufficient value.
6. One bronze medal will be awarded per title and if there are co-authors, they shall share the monetary award.
7. Pamphlets and brochures are not eligible for this award.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. Books will be evaluated for their contributions on the basis of their merit, treatment of Louisiana life, interpretation of Louisiana heritage, and possible value to the permanent record of the state.
2. Non-fiction
 - a. Accuracy and authenticity (footnotes, bibliography, index, etc.)

- b. Format, including organization and arrangement of material
 - c. Literary merit
 - d. Illustrations (if applicable)
3. Fiction
- a. Literary merit
 - b. Style and technique
 - c. Originality
 - d. Interest (locale, development of characters, plot, etc.)

Send two copies of work to be considered to:

Louisiana Literary Award

c/o Elissa Plank, Chair

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