

School Librarian of the Year Award

Nominations / Applications must be postmarked by January 15

- Sponsor:** Louisiana Association of School Librarians
- Frequency:** Annually when merited
- Deadline:** January 15th of the year it is to be awarded (*or next business day if holiday*)
- Purpose:** To give recognition to a school librarian who has demonstrated a dedication to the mission and goals of the profession through actions and philosophy.
- Description:** A \$100.00 honorarium and an engraved plaque will be presented to the recipient at the annual Louisiana Library Association Conference. The inscription will read

LASL School Librarian of the Year
Presented to
(Recipient's name)
Month/Day/Year

The **LASL School Librarian of the Year Award** is presented to a school librarian who has demonstrated outstanding work through action and philosophy to the mission and goals of the school librarian profession within the state of Louisiana. (*Outstanding* is defined as innovative or beyond normal expectations.)

Applicant Requirements: The recipient shall:

- Be a member of LASL in good standing for at least two full school years.
- Be employed in the state of Louisiana.
- Be a Louisiana certified librarian.
- Be a librarian in the same school for three continuous years.
- Be working full time as a school librarian.
- Join the LASL School Librarian Award Committee to help select the winner for the following year.
- Present at the LLA annual conference in the year following acceptance of award.
- Wait five years before applying for this award again.

Selection Criteria:

- Exemplary service to fulfill the needs of students and school community
- Creativity in programming and use of content
- Collaboration with teacher peers, staff, and administrators
- Effective integration of library services with curricula
- Student engagement in services, research, and reading
- Exemplary use of technology tools and technology integration within the curriculum
- Leadership within school building and beyond
- Outreach to the community including parents and families
- Effective promotion of the library and its programs and services
- Participation in professional organizations

School Librarian of the Year Nomination / Application Form

Nominee/Applicant

Name _____

Professional Title _____

School
Name of School _____
Administrator _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number *Circle one: home, mobile, school* Number: _____

LASL Membership: Number of
full school years _____

Number of continuous years at
current school; if serving two
schools, list both _____

Signature of Applicant
/ Nominee _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Person Making Nomination, if applicable

Name _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Include the following with your application:

1. Two letters of recommendation on school letterhead:
One letter must be from an administrator and one must be from a teacher in your building
with whom you have collaborated. (Please make sure that these letters give specific examples

of what you do at your school library and not just a list of the information found on your résumé.)

2. Provide a complete résumé that lists the following (if applicable):
 - Education
 - Places of employment as a school librarian
 - Professional organizations to which you belong and any offices or committees in these organizations in which you have participated. (local, state or national)
 - Presentations that you have made at professional conferences (local, state or national)
 - Published articles in print or on the web
 - List of your professional web connections through social media such as blogs, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, etc. List only social media that you use for your library or as a library professional.
 - Awards and grants that you have received

3. Choose **two** of the narratives below and submit the answers with your application:
 - A. Narrative 1 (500 to 1000 words)

Describe an outstanding collaborative lesson or unit where you worked closely with a teacher in your building.

 - B. Narrative 2 (500 to 1000 words)

Describe an extracurricular event, project or activity that you have planned in your library to get students excited about all that the library offers. This may be for events like National Poetry Month, Teen Read Week, Read Across America Day, Picture Book Month, Dot Day, Digital Learning Day or some other special event for your school that builds interest in the library and could even include activities with your library book club or student volunteer program.

 - C. Narrative 3 (500 to 1000 words)

By giving students the opportunity to develop the 21st century skills of communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration, librarians can help to prepare them to be college and career ready. How does your library program help support the teaching of 21st century skills in your school?

Each applicant shall be judged by a committee using the selection criteria approved by the Louisiana Association of School Librarians.

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