

## **MODISETTE AWARD FOR: PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**SPONSOR:** Louisiana Library Association

**FREQUENCY:** The award is given biennially, if merited, in even-numbered years. Consideration will be given to improvements in either the first two or second two years of the three-year period preceding the awarding year.

Example: 1994 Awarding Year. Application may either be 1991 and 1992 or 1992 and 1993.

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be received by the chairperson no later than January 16<sup>th</sup> of the award year.

**PURPOSE:** To reward and encourage the improvement of public library service.

**DESCRIPTION:** Citation of Merit

**PREREQUISITES:**

1. Must be an operating Louisiana public library
2. The public library director must be a current member of LLA and either the library must be a current institutional member of LLA or the trustees must be current members of LLA
3. Applications for the award may originate with librarians, trustees, or interested citizens.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Applications will be evaluated upon the following criteria:

1. A statement of improvement wherein the applicant explains the areas of improvement which would justify the granting of the award. Statement not to exceed two pages, 8½" by 11", typed, one side only.
2. Completion of the application questionnaire and the appropriate documentation in the following categories:
  - a. Personnel
  - b. Public Relations
  - c. Resources
  - d. Facilities
  - e. Service
  - f. Finances
  - g. Cooperative programs
  - h. Organization & Operation
  - i. Technology
  - j. Professional involvement
3. Clear documentation of the level of effort in striving for the Standards for Public Libraries in Louisiana