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OLA Technical Services Award

Description

The Ontario Library Association recognizes an Ontario librarian, teacher-librarian, technician, library worker or department who has made a substantial achievement to their institution and/or the library profession in the area of technical services. This award is about recognizing those who help with the efficiencies and improved access to materials. Awards like this foster innovation, create an environment to share ideas and support high morale among technical service workers.

Nominees may either be an individual person or a group. When nominating a group, please provide details for a primary contact in the nomination form.

Criteria / Eligibility

- Keys areas of contribution that could be, but not limited to, considered for a nominees are:

ADVANCEMENT. Contribution to the technical services field through the development, application and/or utilization of new and/or improved formats, methods, techniques, equipment and routines

LEADERSHIP. Significant contribution to the technical services profession through involvement in organizations, publication or research. Implantation of a special project, program or service

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT. Individuals who have made long-standing contributions to the profession who deserve recognition by peers

MENTORING. Training and professional mentoring in the field of technical services.

- Nominees should be or have been employed in an Ontario library, though non-Ontario experience and contribution will be recognized in the submission.
- The nominee should be an example of a technical services employee or department who has/have raised the profile of this sector of the library profession.
- There is no requirement for the nominee(s) to be an OLA member.
- Individuals may not nominate themselves.

Nomination Procedure

- The nomination form can be completed online by visiting: <https://accessola.com/membership-information/awards/>
- Nominators must be members in good standing of OLA.
- While this award is designed for an individual it is possible for a department to be nominated and considered.

- Up to three letters of endorsement are encouraged and should provide evidence of the worthiness of the nominee(s).
- Nominations will be accepted between: September – November.
- The closing date for nominations in any given year is: 15 November.
- Once the winner has been chosen, the OLA President, or designate will contact the successful nominator.
 - The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.
- Unless otherwise arranged, the OLA President, or designate will also contact the successful nominee and request a photo for promotion purposes.
 - The OLA office will later connect with the nominator and the winner for award presentation logistics.
- If desired, nominators may be involved in the award presentation such as creating and/or writing the presentation speech. Please indicate your interest to do so in the nomination form.

Selection Process

- The process for this award is stewarded by the [OLA Awards Committee](#), which is a subcommittee of the OLA Board of Directors.
- The presentation of the award is at the discretion of the OLA Board and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.
- The OLA Awards Committee will review all of the applications and assess candidates' eligibility.
- Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
- The OLA Awards Committee will present all qualified candidates to the OLA Board for consideration. The Board will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.

Award Presentation Information

- This award is presented at the OLA annual Super Conference in conjunction with the award ceremony of the recipients' type of library.
- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation.
- The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, they must be registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite. Further information will be provided to the recipient.