

OSLA School Library Professional of the Year Award

This award is given to honour a School Library Professional (School Library Technician) who has demonstrated leadership in the facilitation and management of a school library collection.

Criteria/Eligibility:

- Nominees must be a member in good standing of OLA/OSLA.
- The nominated candidate has a positive impact on either or both of:
 - Students and/or teachers in their use of and attitude towards the School Library Learning Commons.
 - School Library Program through the integration of multiple literacies.
- The candidate has embraced the following:
 - The nominee is innovative and actively works on improving student engagement
 - A rich learning environment which promotes student engagement.
 - Interest in and enthusiasm for the School Library Learning Commons.

Nomination Procedure:

- The nominator may be an administrator, Teacher Librarian or an educational colleague and is not required to be a member of OLA/OSLA.
- The nomination form can be found on the [OLA awards website](#) under OSLA awards
- The nominator must include evidence to support the nomination, potentially including but not limited to:
 - Endorsement by at least one OSLA member.
 - Nominators are responsible for documenting the accomplishments of the candidate and for creating a package of appropriate materials to support the nominee.
 - Letters of support from colleagues, Teacher Librarians, coordinators, students, and parents are welcome.
 - Nominee's work history and significant positions in school libraries.
- Nominations will be accepted between: September – November.
- Once the winner has been chosen, the OSLA President will contact the successful nominator.
 - The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.
- Unless otherwise arranged, the OSLA President 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 selection committee consists of OSLA Council.
- Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
- OSLA Council will review all of the applications and assess candidates' eligibility.
- The Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
- Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years with the submission of updated documentation.
- The presentation of the award is at the discretion of the OSLA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation Information:

- This award is presented at the OLA Annual Super Conference at the end of the OSLA Annual General Meeting.
- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation.
- At the presentation, an introductory speech will be delivered outlining the achievements of the award winner.
- The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, must be a registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.
- A description of the award winner's accomplishments is traditionally published in the Spring issue of Teaching Librarian and may be promoted through other association publications.