**2022 MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**SCHOOL LIBRARY INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**SPONSORED BY FOLLETT LIBRARY MEDIA RESOURCES**

**Purpose of the award:**

The mission of a school library media program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users and producers of ideas and information. This award:

* Emphasizes the school library media program’s role in the instructional process through professionalism, collaboration and development of library media center resources that are in support of curricular goals
* Leads information literacy instruction through a variety of models for students, staff and other community members
* Administers information management systems that support student learning and school and district programs
* Establishes and models a powerful, relevant and ubiquitous culture of reading in the school community

**Criteria:**

Each application will be judged on these key factors:

* How well the library program supports the mission of school library information and technology programs;
* Use of the *Montana Standards for Information Literacy/Library Media* and national information literacy standards (American Association of School Librarians, 1998) incorporated into the applicant’s library program;
* Use of technology through the district or library website to expand the reach of library services (see

NETS for Teachers: [http://cnets.iste.org/currstands);](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fcnets.iste.org%2Fcurrstands)%3B&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHhlBgHK97KUxL4vLnkm4r81mp4DA)

* Commitment to educate colleagues about your school or district’s library programs and services

**Award Process:**

* Award presented to one program at the annual MLA conference in April
* Press release to the local newspaper;
* Featured story in Focus, the Montana Library Association Newsletter;
* Cash award of $500, provided by Follett Library Resources to be used for library development expenditures

**Application Deadline:**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

• A school district or single school within a district may apply;

• Public, charter or private schools may apply;

• Any school level from primary through high school;

• Applicant may or may not be a current member of Montana Library Association.

**Rules:**

1. Anyone may nominate a school library program: principal, superintendent, curriculum

 director, teacher, library staff, or library administration.

2. All nominations must be emailed or postmarked by January 21, 2022.

3. The MLA Awards Committee will select the recipient.

4. Verification of any materials submitted may be requested by the MLA Awards Committee.

5. Include:

 • Completed Application Form, including Profile;

 • Signed and completed Library Media Program check-off page.

6. Include only the materials requested in the application.

7. Mail or email materials by due date January 20, 2020 to:

 Carly Delsigne

 northjeffersoncountylibraries@gmail.com

Application form nomination submitted by:

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Nominated district and name of school\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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School Teacher Librarian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of local newspaper\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information on 8 ½ by 11 paper, 1 inch margins, double spaced, 12 point font:

1. Name the person(s), including their titles that are responsible for the success of this program.
2. Describe the school population and the community served
3. Describe components of the school or district’s library program that are particularly effective and/or innovative (limit to one page)
4. One building or district administrator’s letter of recommendation for the library program (limit to one page)
5. One teacher’s letter describing her/his collaboration with the teacher librarian (limit to one half page)

Teacher Librarian’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_