

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility for nomination should be confined to Trustees or former Trustees, Friends of Virginia Libraries, and Virginia Librarians who have held membership and who have made outstanding contributions to the association. A list of nominees is sent to the Executive Director to be verified for eligibility before it is submitted to Council and voted on by the membership in the annual ballot.

INSTRUCTIONS

Line 1: Biographical data.

Line 2: Significant contributions to VLA (100 word limit).

Line 3: Documents, testimonials, news stories, or other similar supporting evidence.

Line 4: Approximate years nominee has been a member of VLA.

AWARD

Acceptance of nominees by the membership bestows on the nominees full benefits of membership without dues and complimentary registration for annual conferences. Nominees who are not selected may be resubmitted with updated documentation for future consideration.

TRUSTEE LIBRARY AWARD

Presented annually in recognition of distinguished service to Libraries or a Library in Virginia. The Trustee honored may have served on the local, state, regional, or national level, or at a combination of levels. Trustees groups of small, medium, and large libraries shall be given equal consideration. The awards and Recognition Committee judges are authorized to give no award when, in its opinion, no sufficiently outstanding achievement is brought to its attention. Nominations may be submitted by an individual library trustee, librarian, library board or the Virginia Library Association. Nominees who are not selected may be resubmitted with updated documentation for future consideration.

INSTRUCTIONS

Line 1: Comprehensive statement of the candidate's achievements.

Line 2: Library-related activities such as board service, library association service, with offices held, dates of service, titles given, awards received. List in chronological order.

Line 3: Library accomplishment: this would include assessment and description of the nominee's contributions to library development which resulted from the library activities listed on Line 2.

Line 4: Comments, if any, which are pertinent to the nomination and which do not fall into any of the areas above. Also, any non-Library activities which are pertinent to this award.

Note: Signatures for all nominators or co-sponsors along with address, telephone number, and E-mail should be supplied.

AWARD

Certificate or plaque presented at the annual conference.

GEORGE MASON AWARD

An association-wide award, made as deemed appropriate but not necessarily annually. It may be presented to an individual librarian, to a library, to an individual or organization distinguished for advocacy of libraries and/or information access, or to an institution, business, or academic program whose activity has contributed to the development, growth and extension of library and information services in the local community, the state, or the nation. If awarded to an institution, business, etc., at least one name will be cited.

CRITERIA

Significant contributions in at least one of the following:

- a. Promotion of library services through exemplary performance and recognition by the public served.
- b. Creative application of the use of technology in the delivery of library and information services.
- c. Design and implementation of an enlightened management and personnel system which substantially improves library and information services.
- d. Design or creation of technological or human systems programs or devices which substantially improve library and information services.
- e. Promotion and development of improved public understanding of library and information services.
- f. Creation of original work regardless of the medium used which substantially contributes to the improvement of library and information services.
- g. Promotion or development of a sustained legislative approach to improving the ability of libraries to provide for expanded services to users.
- h. Promotion or development of a program resulting in a sustained increase in voluntary support for library and information activities.
- i. Significant influence on attitudes of public or private officials who are in a position to support the improvement of the library and information services.
- j. Leadership and service contributing to the development and effectiveness of the goals and objectives of the Virginia Library Association.

INSTRUCTIONS

Line 1: Contributions to library field or information access.

Line 2: Nominator's evaluation of the nominee's contribution worthy of consideration for the award.

Line 3: Documentation and/or letters of support for the nominee.

Line 4: Number of attachments.

AWARD

Certificate or plaque presented at the Annual conference, along with one day's food and lodging for the honoree or one representative of the honored group or organization.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AWARD

Presented annually to a Friends Group in recognition of distinguished Service to Libraries or a Library in Virginia. Friends of small, medium, and large libraries shall be given equal consideration. Nominations may be submitted by an individual library trustee, librarian, library board, or the Virginia Library Association. Nominees who are not selected may be resubmitted with updated documentation for future consideration

INSTRUCTIONS

Line 1: Comprehensive statement of the candidate's achievements.

Line 2: Library and community-related activities made on behalf of the library.

Line 3: Number of members and activities of the group.

Line 4: Contributions to the library – monetary, equipment, services, programs, other items.

AWARD

Certificate of plaque presented at the annual Conference.