Nominations Sought for CLA AWARDS 2015

The Outstanding Librarian Award honors the career accomplishments of a librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his or her library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service: outstanding service in his/her field of expertise, e.g. reference, children’s services, administrative, or technical services; involvement in statewide leadership; encouragement of community/institutional support for the library. Preference will be given to nominees who have achieved in more than one area. The nominee must be a member of CLA.

The Special Achievement Award honors an individual who has implemented a significant project or initiated an innovative program during the past year. The achievement being honored should have had significant impact on the library, the community, or the library profession. This award may be given to the same individual more than once. The Awards Committee reserves the right to present more than one Special Achievement Award.

The Edith B. Nettleton Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding record of volunteer service to his or her library. This award is presented in the name of Edith B. Nettleton who served as Guilford Town Librarian from 1933-1978. After retiring, she returned to the Library as a volunteer, organizing the historical collection and serving for 35 years.

The Excellence in Public Library Service Awards honor public libraries that have provided an outstanding program or service to their communities. They are given in 2 population categories (15,000 and under or over 15,000). Nominations are judged on creativity and innovation, service to the community, leadership in creating model programs and programs which will affect the future of the library and its community.

The News Media Award honors an individual journalist or news organization for coverage of libraries and/or the principles of librarianship in an exemplary way during the past year. Exemplary media coverage can be evidenced through editorials, features, news reporting and/or special event reporting. Coverage may focus on library issues such as services to special populations and other appropriate topics. Copies of articles and other relevant material should be submitted with this nomination.

The Adeline Mix Award honors a full or part-time student enrolled in an approved graduate or undergraduate library education program, and enables the student to attend this year’s CLA Annual Conference. A grant of $250 will be awarded to cover conference registration, meals, and accommodations. Applicants must be a member of CLA, and the winner must agree to attend the Awards Ceremony and to write a brief article on his or her impressions of the conference for CLA Today. Applications may be no longer than two typed pages and must include the following information: status of current library school studies, education, degrees and honors, statement of need, and completion of a narrative describing how attendance at the conference will assist the candidate’s professional development.

The Intellectual Freedom Award recognizes an individual for the demonstration of extraordinary personal courage in the defense of intellectual freedom, or for the implementation of a successful and creative project developed to raise awareness of intellectual freedom issues, or for a published work on intellectual freedom.

The Support Staff Award honors an outstanding library assistant or support staff member.

The Supporter of Support Staff Award honors a library administrator or manager who promotes the role of library assistants and support staff.
CLA AWARDS 2015 Instructions & Nomination Form

Use this form for the awards noted above. See www.ctlibraryassociation.org for complete details about all awards. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted. Nominations must include:

- Narrative explaining the nominee’s achievements (300 word minimum)
- Introduction of the nominee to be read at awards ceremony (100 words or less)
- Letters of support for the nominee from others
- This nomination form.

Send the qualifying information for the seven awards noted above as an email attachment to:

Sheri Szymanski, Region Four Representative sszymanski@stratfordlibrary.org
Deadline: February 27, 2015

Check one award:
☐ Adeline Mix
☐ Edith B. Nettleton Award
☐ Excellence in Public Library Service in a Community with a population 15,000 or less
☐ Excellence in Public Library Service in a Community with a population greater than 15,000
☐ Intellectual Freedom
☐ News Media
☐ Outstanding Librarian
☐ Special Achievement
☐ Support Staff of the Year
☐ Supporter of Support Staff

Person or Organization nominated (Include name, workplace address, phone and email):

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Library Affiliation (if any):

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