

# Ohio Library Council

## 2007 Awards and Honors

You all work with people who do outstanding things for libraries. You know what they do—the rest of us may not. The Ohio Library Council's Awards and Honors Program is your chance to tell the world. The Awards and Honors Program showcases outstanding contributions from librarians, trustees, friends, support staff, and those new to the profession, as well as new ideas and approaches to library service.

The OLC will begin accepting nominations for the 2007 Awards and Honors in September 2006. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2007 Convention, October 10-12, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. Start thinking now about the outstanding colleagues you would like to nominate.

### Awards and Honors Categories

**Hall of Fame Librarian** – An OLC member whose career has demonstrated sustained leadership, contribution, and commitment to the profession both locally and at the state and/or national level.

**Librarian of the Year** – An OLC member who exhibits distinguished service to the profession and demonstrates active and innovative leadership within the community and across the state.

**Support Staff Member of the Year** – An OLC member whose contributions to local library development are significant and merit recognition.

**Trustee/Board of Trustees Award of Achievement** – This individual or board of trustees demonstrates distinguished service to the profession for active and innovative leadership within the community and across Ohio. The recipient(s) must be individual or institutional members of the OLC.

**OFL Recognition Award** – This Friends group, regardless of community size, performs imaginative and effective activities that increase community awareness of its library, support library programs, and promote the mission, vision, and core values of the library. The organization must be a member of the Ohio Friends of the Library.

**John Philip Outreach Award** – An individual who displays exceptional ability in library outreach and demonstrates true dedication to the philosophy of library programs and services.

**Diana Vescelius Memorial Award** – This award recognizes our leaders of tomorrow. The recipient must be an OLC member who is either under 35 years of age or has worked five years or fewer in librarianship. This person shows outstanding commitment to the profession, including advocacy in the areas of intellectual freedom, library innovation, outreach, and expansion of library services, etc.

**Library Innovation Award** – This award recognizes the wide variety of expertise, creative talent, and successful initiatives incorporated in Ohio public libraries, regardless of size. The award recipient may be: 1) An individual, 2) Group or team of individuals, 3) Specific library department, and/or branch or 4) Public Library that has broken "new ground" in library service, library programming or specific initiatives, significantly benefiting employees(s), library operations, or the community-at-large. The library must be an institutional member of OLC.

**Citizen of the Year Award** – The recipient of this award shall be a citizen, an entire board of trustees, or a group that has made a noteworthy contribution to library services in the state of Ohio. The OLC Board of Directors selects the recipient of this award.

Watch for the nomination form in *Access* and on the OLC Web site in fall 2006!