

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL  
AWARDS & HONORS

Past Recipients Of Awards, Citations, And Honors

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**HALL OF FAME LIBRARIAN**

1970 - Carl Vitz  
1971 - Harriet Long  
1972 - Mildred Sandoe  
1973 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera  
1974 - Rose L. Vormelker  
1975 - Margaret Kaltenbach  
1976 - Ruth Hess  
1977 - Dorothy I. Strouse  
1978 - Walter Brahm & Margaret S. Skiff  
1979 - Helen M. Focke  
1980 - William Chait  
1981 - Paul H. Bixler  
1982 - Dr. Lewis C. Branscomb  
1983 - Charlotte Leonard  
1985 - Erwin J. Gaines  
1986 - A. Chapman Parsons  
1988 - Robert F. Cayton  
1989 - John H. Rebenack  
1990 - Frederick G. Kilgour  
1991 - Joseph F. Shubert  
1992 - Hannah McCauley  
1993 - Ardath Danford  
1994 - R. Russell Munn  
1995 - Rachel Wayne Nelson  
1996 - Greg Byerly & Patricia H. Latshaw  
1998 - John N. Storck  
1999 - Marilyn Gell Mason  
1999 – Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee  
2000 - John S. Wallach  
2001 - Jeffrey A. French  
2003 – Holly Carroll  
2004 – Joseph C. Palmer  
2005 - Richard Rubin  
2007 – Martha Gardin

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**HALL OF FAME TRUSTEE**

1970 - Elsie Bennett Wilson

1971 - James J. Weadock. Jr.

1972 - George W. Coen

1976 - Jean M. Coleman

1977 - Arthur W. Marr

1980 - Brooks W. MacCracken

1983 - Emelyne Ely Reed

1989 - Frank W. Steere. Jr.

1992 - Robert Jenkins

1993 - Dennis G. Fedor

1994 - Mary Obenour

1995 - Morton M. Thomas

1996 - Pauline Bennett

1997 - H. Baird Tenney

2001 - Terry L. Casey

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**NOTABLE OHIO LIBRARIANS IN THE HALL OF FAME**

Every five years, beginning in 1975 and ending in 1990, an ad hoc committee appointed by the OLA Board recommends the names of deceased Ohio librarians for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

**Elected in 1975**

William H. Brett, 1846-1918  
Electra C. Doren, 1861-1927  
Linda A. Eastman, 1867-1963  
James C. Foutts, 1907-1964  
Charles B. Galbreath, 1858-1934  
Thirza E. Grant, 1886-1970  
Chalmers Hadley, 1872-1958  
Herbert S. Hirshberg, 1879-1955  
Julia Wright Merrill, 1881-1961  
Paul A. T. Noon, 1905-1971  
Azariah S. Root, 1862-1927  
Burton E. Stevenson, 1872-1962  
Alice S. Tyler, 1859-1944  
Joseph L. Wheeler, 1884-1970

**Elected in 1980**

George J. Blazier, 1886-1970  
Marilla W. Freeman, 1871-1961  
Nathaniel Hodges, 1852-1927  
Olive Branch Jones, 1863-1933  
Effie L. Power, 1873-1969  
Paul North Rice, 1888-1967

**Elected in 1985**

Florence Craig, 1901-1980  
Annie S. Cutter, 1877-1957  
Raymond Embree, 1905-1968  
William J Hamilton, 1884-1974  
Hannah S. Hunt, 1903-1973  
Earl N. Manchester, 1881-1954  
Gilbert W. Ward, 1880-1944  
Amy Winslow, 1890-1980

**Elected in 1990**

Hugh C. Atkinson, 1933-1986  
Ernest I. Miller, 1907-1972  
L. Quincy Mumford, 1903-1982  
Elnora M. Portteus, 1920-1983  
A. Robert Rogers, 1927-1985

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**LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR**

1959 - Walter Brahm	1986 - Jeanne Dykins
1963 - Helen K. Sunnafrank	1987 - Hwa-Wei Lee
1964 - Dorothy Strouse	1988 - Nancy Wareham
1965 - R. Russell Munn	1989 - Alan Hall
1967 - Raymond Embree	1990 - Floyd C. Dickman & Phyllis Gallo
1968 - Mary Zimmerman	1991 - Gregory L. Reese
1969 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera	1992 - Philip Koons
1970 - Clara E. Lucioli & Ernest I. Miller	1993 - Wallace White
1972 - Elnora M. Portteus	1994 - John J. Philip
1973 - Frederick G. Kilgour	1995 - James F. Bouchard & Millie Covey Fry
1974 - Lewis C. Naylor	1996 - John S. Wallach
1975 - William Chait	1997 - Anthony G. Yankus
1976 - Dr. A. Robert Rogers	1998 - Stephen D. Wood
1977 - Doris Wood	1999 - Judith Ellen Riggle
1978 - H. Paul Schrank	2000 - John W.P. Storck
1979 - John H. Rebenack	2001 - John A. Lonsak & Andrew A. Venable, Jr
1980 - Hannah McCauley	2003 – Meribah Mansfield
1981 - Doris Jyurovat	2004 – Patricia Hillmer
1982 - Kathy East & Ervin I. Gaines	2005 – Margaret C. Danziger
1983 - Robert H. Donahugh	2007 – Nancy J. Kelley
1984 - Maryann Sadlier	
1985 - Ardath Danford	

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### **LIBRARY INNOVATION AWARD**

*The Library Innovation Award was established in 2004. This award was created to recognize 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 employee(s), library operations, or the community-at-large. The Library must be an institutional member of OLC.*

- 2004 - Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Maple Heights Regional Branch  
"Homework Yes!" Youth Experiencing Success Program
- 2007 - Park Branch Staff of the Clark County Public Library, Springfield
- 2007 - Training Team of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library

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**SUPPORTIVE STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

1976 - Jessie Hall  
1977 - Elsetta Ervin  
1979 - Ward Murray  
1980 - Pauline Wrocklage  
1981 - Jean Dolan  
1982 - John Edward Sault  
1984 - Alice Nodes  
1985 - Doris Plaine  
1986 - Alice Bakies & Jessie Don Butcher  
1987 - Joanne Guitteau  
1989 - Patricia L. Ray  
1990 - Manuel Fonseca  
1991 - Gretchen Cunningham  
1992 - Marguerite Crist Calvin  
1993 - Minnie Waters Mackenzie  
1994 - Michael Pope  
1995 - Robert L. Simon  
1996 - Jeffrey A. Yahraus  
1997 - Jennifer Bull  
1998 - Betty Spyker  
1999 - Lori Schrader  
2000 - Eva Greenberg  
2001 - Terri Frederick  
2003 – Paula Banks  
2004 – Judith Scaife  
2005 – Helen Wilson  
2007 – Martha E. Hamilton

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**DIANA VESCELIUS MEMORIAL AWARD**

1972 - Jacqueline Johns  
1973 - Terry McLaughlin  
1974 - Judith K. Mowery  
1975 - Daniel S. Suvak  
1976 - Elfreda Chatman  
1977 - Barbara Newmark  
1978 - Carmen Z. Celigoj  
1979 - Cheryl Albrecht  
1980 - Ellen Bell  
1981 - Julie Steinbrenner Brooks  
1982 - Walt Lessun  
1983 - Louise Hamel  
1984 - Susan Barrick  
1988 - Sue McCleaf-Nespeca  
1989 - Carolyn Morgan Burrier  
1990 - Molly Carver  
1992 - Beverly Cain  
1993 - C. Allen Nichols  
1995 - Karen Laird  
1998 - Thomas S. Adkins  
1998 – Tracy S. Ruhaak  
1999 - Maureen Lerch  
2001 - Ben Rule  
2003 – Sandi Thompson  
2004 - Jessica Crim-Weithman  
2005 – William Kelly

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**JOHN PHILIP OUTREACH AWARD**

1995 - John Philip

1996 - Cheryl Kreiner

1997 - Jean Roberts

1998 - Elizabeth "Betsy" Fried

1999 - June Huss

2000 - Julianne Matasich

2001 - Mercier Robinson

2003 – Abigail Noland

2004 – Deborah Dubois

2005 - Deborah Di Gennaro

2007 – Carol Carmack

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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

1993 - Thomas Dennis & Mark Powell

1994 - Robert H. Russell. Sr.

1995 - Maynard Sauder

1996 - Joan Bennett

1998 - Dr. Thomas W. Flechtner

2003 – Marah Walker

2004 – Kathy Catazaro-Perry

2007 - Sibongile Sithe

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*The A. Chapman Parsons Award is given in recognition of significant activity or accomplishment in the area of government relations. It is named for the late executive director of the Ohio Library Association who established the credibility of librarian/legislative cooperation in Ohio and who defined the elements of successful library advocacy for 22 years. The award reflects Chap Parsons' abiding interest in working productively with governmental authorities. The award is presented by the OLC Board of Directors.*

### **A. CHAPMAN PARSONS AWARD**

1998 - John S. Wallach, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library

1999 - Amos Loveday, Former Trustee, Worthington Public Library

2000 - Larry Black, Columbus Metropolitan Library

2001 - Frances Black, Southwest Public Libraries

2002 – George W.S. Hays, Salem Public Library

2003 – Holly Carroll, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library

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**TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR**

1942 - Elsie Bennett Wilson &  
James J. Weadock, Jr.

1945 - Mrs. Max Hellman &  
Mrs. R. P. Parkhurst

1946 - Bertha Trebein Flynn & H. M. Jacobs

1947 - A. E. Gower & J. E. Argetsinger

1948 - E. A. McCuskey & Jessie J. Smith

1950 - Rebecca F. Gayton &  
Ella G. Lupton. M.D.

1951 - Arthur W. Fiske & Fred M. Fuller

1952 - Mrs. Agnes Hirsch & J. S. Masson

1953 - Robert J. Brown -Mrs. Karl B. Hoke

1954 - Mrs. Leonard Church

1956 - Clyde C. Henderson &  
George Wiseman, M.D.

1957 - H. William Lilley

1958 - Aubrey Billings, Ethel G. Swanbeck  
& Dr. Walter A. Zaugg

1959 - Ina Warner Broeman,  
Jacob A. Meckstroth &  
George W. Murdock

1961 - William F. Maag

1962 - Bernice A. Warner

1963 - George W. Coen

1965 - Mrs. Dorothy Smucker

1966 - Joseph E. Hurst

1967 - Mrs. George Harding III &  
Clarence D. Steffy

1968 - Mrs. Leland Spore

1969 - Arthur W. Marr

1970 - Charles E. Blakeslee

1971 - Mrs. Jean Coleman

1972 - Thomas H. Anderson

1973 - Raymond R. Brown

1974 - Emelyne Ely Reed

1975 - Brooks W. MacCracken

1976 - Lee C. Howley, Jr.

1977 - Florence Gault

1978 - Guion Osborn

1979 - L. Eugene Byers, DVM

1980 - Raymond Gaier

1981 - John T. Nolan, Jr.

1982 - Mrs. Avis Cullen

1984 - Dennis G. Fedor

1985 - James B. Stubbins

1986 - Easter Straker

1988 - Alice Wilson

1989 - Bonnie J. Cordell

1990 - Ralph L. Moore

1991 - Richard Danford

1992 - James R. Kimmel

1993 - Dr. William D. Baker

1994 - Robert F. Sullivan

1995 - David C. Miller

1996 - JoAnn Vance

1997 - Amos J. Loveday

1998 - Ian Haberman

1999 - Harold V. Felton

2001 - Harold B. Cooper

**TRUSTEE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*(combined Trustee of the Year/Trustee or Board of  
Trustees Award of Achievement)*

2003 – Queen Lester

2004 – Charlotte Kessler

2005 – Doris Lawler

2007 – Patricia T. Holter

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**TRUSTEE AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT**

- 1976 - Troy-Miami County Public Library
- 1977 - Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County
- 1978 - Summit County Trustee Council
- 1979 - Minerva Public Library
- 1980 - Fairfield County District Library
- 1981 - East Cleveland Public Library
- 1982 - Loudonville Public Library
- 1983 - Burton Public Library
- 1984 - Lorain Public Library
- 1985 - Community Public Library, St. Marys
- 1986 - Geauga County Public Library
- 1987 - Flesh Public Library
- 1988 - Portage County District Library
- 1990 - Washington County Public Library
- 1991 - Pickaway County District Library
- 1992 - Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County Library
- 1993 - Clermont County Public Library
- 1994 - Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library

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### OHIO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY RECOGNITION AWARDS

- 1987 - Friends of the North Canton Public Library  
Friends of the Sylvania Branch of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
- 1988 - Friends of Kirtland Public Library
- 1989 - Friends of Herrick Memorial Library  
Friends of Middletown Public Library
- 1990 - Friends of Beachwood Library  
Friends of West Union Branch, Ohio Valley District Free Library
- 1991 - Friends of Lakewood Public Library  
Friends of Columbiana Public Library
- 1992 - Friends of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library  
Friends of Findlay-Hancock County Public Library  
Friends of Portage Lakes Branch, Akron-Summit County Public Library
- 1993 - Friends of Muskingum County Library System  
Friends of Geauga West Branch, Geauga County Public Library  
Friends of Chardon Branch, Geauga County Public Library  
Friends of Tipp City Public Library
- 1994 - Friends of Cleveland Public Library  
Friends of Stark County Public Library  
Friends of Worthington Public Library  
Friends of Pickerington Public Library  
Friends of Columbia Branch, Lorain Public Library
- 1995 - Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library  
Friends of Porter Public Library
- 1996 - Friends of South Branch, Muskingum County Public Library
- 1997 - Friends of Avon Branch, Lorain Public Library  
Friends of Stryker Branch, Williams County Public Library
- 1998 - Friends of Milton-Union Public Library  
Friends of Scio Branch, Puskarich Public Library  
Friends of Lorain Public Library  
Friends of Avon Lake Public Library
- 1999 - Friends of Elyria Public Library
- 2000 - Friends of Main Library, Akron-Summit County Public Library
- 2001 - Less than 100 members, Friends of the Avon Library  
101-300 members, Friends of the Brecksville Library, Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Over 300 members, Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Library
- 2003 – Friends of the Pickerington Public Library
- 2004 – Friends of the Burton Public Library

2005 – Friends of the Athens Public Library

2007 – Friends of Tuscarawas County Public Library

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*The Andrew Carnegie Award is presented by the OLC Board of Directors to a government official in recognition of support of the ideals and challenges to public libraries. The award is so named because no one person has given more to public libraries than Mr. Carnegie.*

### **ANDREW CARNEGIE AWARD**

- 1995 - Vern Riffe, House Speaker
- 1995 - Stan Aronoff, Senate President
- 1996 - Richard Finan, Senate (S.D. 7)
- 1997 - George Voinovich, Governor
- 1998 - Priscilla Mead, Representative (H.D. 28)
- 1999 - Roy Ray, Senator (S.D. 27)
- 2001 - Randy Gardner, Senator (S.D. 18)
- 2002 - Larry Householder, House Speaker
- 2003 – Mark Mallory, Senator (S.D. 9)
- 2004 - John Carey