

NLA Handbook:

VIII. Scholarships & Awards

8.1 LOUISE A. NIXON SCHOLARSHIP:

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded, conscientious dedication to building library service in this state.

When Nixon reflected on her life for the *Lincoln Journal*, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."

This scholarship was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision. The application deadline is April 15th of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

Purpose

The Louise A. Nixon Scholarship Fund was established to support students who pursue graduate level library education. Full-time and part-time students are eligible for this scholarship. Applicants must meet these Nebraska Library Association guidelines.

Applicant Requirements

Applicant must be accepted by an ALA-accredited graduate school of library/information science; **OR**, Applicant must be accepted by a graduate media program that meets the ALA/AASL curriculum guidelines within a unit accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

1. Applicant must meet **one** of the following criteria –
 - A. Resident of Nebraska for at least one year
 - B. Member of NLA for at least one year
 - C. Employee, past or present, of a Nebraska library for at least one year
2. Applicant will submit proof of current acceptance or enrollment in an ALA accredited program.
3. Applicant will submit a résumé
4. Applicant will submit two current letters of recommendation.
5. Applicant will write a personal statement explaining (1) her or his employment history; (2) his or her employment expectations after graduation; and (3) her or his expected graduation date.
6. Applicant will provide his or her estimated education expenses.
7. A personal interview may be requested by the Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Scholarship Conditions

1. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate the best potential for employment in Nebraska libraries after graduation.
2. One award per person is given. Scholarship applicants must deserve the award. Scholarships will not be awarded automatically if only one person applies.
3. Applications must be received by the NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee on or before April 15th of the current year.
4. Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution. If the award exceeds the remaining tuition, the extra money can be used for school-related expenses.

A scholarship application form is available from the Scholarship page on the NLA website.

Louise A. Nixon Scholarship Winners:

2015	Rachel Kenny	\$1000	2006	Mary Anne Smith	\$1000
	Monica Maher	\$1000		Janatha Masters	\$1000
	Mandy Peterson	\$1000		Kelly Dick	\$1000
2014	Jessica O'Dowd	\$1000	2005	Robin Brooks	\$1000
	Lindsey Stier	\$1000		Paula Low	\$1000
2013	Angela Kroeger	\$1000	2004	Karen Frizzell	\$1000
	Christa Yeakley	\$1000		Jane Raglin Holt	\$1000
2012	Annette Parde	\$1000		Kathy Jacobs	\$1000
2011	Deborah Aden	\$1000	2003	Lori Brezina	\$1000
	Brian Maass	\$1000		Deborah Levitov	\$1000
	Jennie Schneider	\$1000		Marty Magee	\$1000
2010	Sarah Haack	\$1333	2002	Donna Anderson	\$1000
	Tina Walker	\$1333		Susan Franklin	\$1000
	Merrillene Wood	\$1333	2001	Christine Jorgensen	\$1000
2009	Beth Steffensmeier	\$1000		Siobhan Champ-Blackwell	\$1000
	Marguerite Miller	\$1000	2000	Valisa Juracek	\$1000
2008	Karl Worth	\$1000		Debora Robertson	\$1000
	Mindy Rush	\$1000	1999	Holly Wissink	\$1000
	Rochelle Krueger	\$1000	1998	Kathy Schultz	\$1000
2007	Karin Dalziel	\$1000	1997	Faye Friesen	\$1000
	Cynthia Sellhort	\$1000	1996	Janet Johnson	\$1000
	Rose Fredrick	\$1000	1995	Francine Canfield	\$750
	Marcia Dority Baker	\$1000	1994	Becky Pasco	\$750

8.2 DUANE MUNSON SCHOLARSHIP:

Duane Munson, a well-known bookseller from Columbus, was a long-time leader and solid supporter of library and educational activity in Nebraska. He shared his good fortune jointly with the NLA and NSLA communities and personally sponsored this scholarship from 1991 through 2013 to help practicing librarians and paraprofessionals gain additional library-related education and training.

Duane Munson Scholarship Winners:

2014	Kelli Keyes	2002	Marty Magee
2013	Kathryn Brockmeier	2001	Melissa Lightle
2012	Andrew Sherman	2000	Diana Johnson
2011	Sarah Warneke	1999	Valisa Juracek
2010	Emily Dietzchold	1998	Kim McCain
2009	Marguerite Miller	1997	Paul Christopherson
2008	Nancy Voris	1996	Donice K. Rogers
2007	Haishu Zhu	1995	Claudette Wielechowski
2006	Mary Anne Smith	1994	[none given]
2005	Nicole Koborg	1993	Susan M. Ewing and Kay L. Paulson
2004	Elizabeth Wilcox	1992	Jayne Palmer Keil
2003	Kate Freeman	1991	Rebecca Pasco

8.3 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

The Nebraska Library Association Scholarship and Awards Committee solicits nominations for the Meritorious Service Award. The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to a person, corporation or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library services in a local community; a county, region or state agency; or in library legislation.

Nomination Process:

The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address and telephone number; the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, address and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also required are at least four additional letters which support and endorse the nominations. Such letters may provide further information about the nominee.

The NLA Meritorious Service Award can be made to an individual or group.

Nominations and letters of support must be received by July 30 and should be mailed to the current Chair of the NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee. Nominations remain in effect for two years.

NLA Meritorious Service Award Winners:

- 2015 – [none]
- 2014 – Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission
- 2013 – Seward Library Foundation Boards of 2002 and 2012
- 2012 – Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2011 – Floyd Smith III, Scottsbluff
- 2010 – Becky Pasco, UNO
- 2009 – Becky Baker, Seward Public Library
- 2008 – Brenda Ealey, Southeast Library System

2007 – Sandra Hartman, Falls City
 2006 – Duane Munson, Columbus
 2005 – John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
 2004 – Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System
 2003 – Sharon Mason, University of Nebraska at Kearney
 2002 – Carol J. Connor, Lincoln Public Libraries
 2001 – Willard Hunzeker, Wahoo Public Library
 2000 – Maggie Harding, Crete
 1999 – Dorothy Willis, Dana College
 1998 – Laureen Riedesel, Beatrice
 1997 – Kay Schmid, David City AND
 Capital Campaign Committee for the Hruska Public Library, David City
 1996 – Auburn Public Library Board, Auburn
 1995 – Dee Yost, Hastings
 1994 – Vern Buis, Lincoln
 1993 – Shirley Flack, Scottsbluff 1
 1992 – Clara Rottmann, Lincoln
 1991 – Ron Norman, Kearney AND Sandra Riley, Columbus
 1990 – [No Award]
 1989 – Fern Heim, Lincoln AND Friends of Kearney Public Library, Kearney
 1988 – Ruth Lenser, Tilden
 1987 – Elaine Norton, David City
 1986 – Roberta Lawrey, Grand Island
 1985 – Lois and Wayne Collings, Lincoln
 1984 – Verne Haselwood, Omaha AND
 Vivian Peterson, Seward
 1983 – Jane Geske, Lincoln
 1982 – Oline Marvel, Hastings
 1981 – Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs AND
 Louise Nixon, Lincoln
 1980 – Reta King, Chadron AND
 Kathryn Renfro Lundy, Lincoln
 1979 – Raymond B. Means, Omaha
 1978 – Charles Dalrymple, Lincoln
 1977 – Laura Berge, Lisco
 1976 – Gwendoline E. Birky, Lincoln
 1975 – Ethel Jane Maurer, Lincoln
 1974 – Louise Shelledy, Lincoln
 1973 – Vera Stephenson, Callaway
 1972 – Panhandle Library Network Advisory Board
 1971 – Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lemon, Scottsbluff AND
 Ralston Junior Women's Club, Ralston
 1970 – Catherine N. Beal, Omaha
 1969 – Elkhorn Women's Club, Elkhorn
 1968 – Improvement Association AND
 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Indra, St. Edward 1967 – Frank Gibson, Omaha
 1966 – Lexington Public Library Board, Lexington

- 1965 – Nellie Craven, Pender AND
Dean Vogel, Omaha
- 1964 – Naomi E. Schroeder, Fairbury
- 1963 – Dr. C. Edwin Rodgers, Osmond
- 1962 – Hastings Public Library Board, Hastings
- 1961 – Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Martin, Lincoln

8.4 MARI SANDOZ AWARD:

The Nebraska Library Association Scholarship and Awards Committee solicits nomination for the Mari Sandoz Award. The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity.

Nomination Process:

The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address and telephone number; the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, address and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination.

Also required are at least four additional letters which support and endorse the nominations. Such letters may provide further information about the nominee.

Nominations and letters of support must be received by July 30, and should be mailed to the current Chair of the NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee. Nominations remain in effect for two years.

NLA Mari Sandoz Award Winners:

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| 2015 – Twyla M. Hansen | 1998 – Susanne George |
| 2014 – Susan Aizenberg | 1997 – Ron Hull |
| 2013 – Timothy Schaffert | 1996 – Duane Hutchinson |
| 2012 – Joe Starita | 1995 – [No Award] |
| 2011 – Jane Graff | 1994 – Roger Welsch |
| 2010 – Jean Lukesh | 1993 – Marion Marsh Brown |
| 2009 – [No Award] | 1992 – Greg Kuzma |
| 2008 – [No Award] | 1991 – Tillie Olsen |
| 2007 – Alex Kava | 1990 – Helen Stauffer |
| 2006 – Joan Hoffman | 1989 – Robert Knoll |
| 2005 – Dr. Joseph Wydeven, Ph.D. | 1988 – [No Award] |
| 2004 – Mary Pipher | 1987 – William Kloefkorn |
| 2003 – Dr. Gary Moulton, Ph.D. | 1986 – [No Award] |
| 2002 – Dr. John Janovy, Ph.D. | 1985 – Mildred R. Bennett |
| 2001 – Jym Kruse | 1984 – Paul Johnsgard |
| 2000 – Ted Kooser | 1983 – Nellie Snyder Yost |
| 1999 – Matthew Sitting Bear Jones | 1982 – [No Award] |

1981 – Dorothy Weyer Creigh
1980 – [No Award]
1979 – Virginia Faulkner
1978 – Everett Dick
1977 – [No Award]
1976 – Sophus Keith Winther

1975 – Wright Morris
1974 – Bernice Slote and Lucia Woods
1973 – [No Award]
1972 – Dorothy Lessenhop
1971 – John G. Neihardt

8.5 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD(S) FOR EXCELLENCE:

This annual award is presented in the form of a certificate to individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution in behalf of the NLA membership or the Nebraska library community. Recipients could include volunteers, appointees, committees, boards, or agencies that have accomplished a major project, task, or other goal. The President may choose one or more recipients every year, based on a letter of nomination, and works with the Scholarship and Awards Committee as appropriate. The NLA and NEMA Presidents each presented Presidential Awards for Excellence in 1989 and 1990. NEMA has continued this practice, and NLA reintroduced the Award in 2000.

Presidential Award for Excellence Winners:

2015 – NLA members
2014 – Dr. Becky Pasco and Kathy Tooker
2013 – Christa Burns
2012 – Scholarship and Awards Committee (Robin Bernstein, Carolyn Dow, Julie Humphrey, Cathy McMahon, Corinne Jacox and Marguerite Miller), Michael Sauers, Theresa Jehlik and Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh.
2011 – Robin Clark and the Legislative Committee (Nancy Larimer, Mary Reiman, Bev Russell, Kathy Tooker, Rod Wagner, Ken Winston, Michael Straatmann, Denise Lawyer, Brenda Ealey, Gayle Roberts), Michael Straatmann, Scott Childers
2010 – Michael Straatmann
2009 – Rebecca Pasco
2008 – Nancy Busch
2007 – Scott Childers
2006 – Maggie Harding
2005 – Diversity ad hoc Committee (Charlene Maxey-Harris (Chair), John Bernardi, Nancy Escamilla, Jodene Glaesemann, Shalini Miskelly, Gretchen Healy)
2004 – Planned Giving Committee (Rod Wagner, (chair) Brenda Ealey, Sally Payne, Carol Connor, Michael LaCroix, Maggie Harding and Ken Winston)
2003 – Sarah Watson, Julie Simpson
2002 – Mary Nash
2001 – Brenda Ealey, Chris Le Beau
2000 – John Bernardi, Scott Childers, Georgene Fawcett

8.6 NLA/NEMA SPECIAL AWARD (2000):

1999 – Verne Haselwood

8.7 NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LIBRARY CHAMPION AWARD:

This award was introduced in 1998. It honors a state or federal legislator or an individual who has promoted and supported legislative efforts that promote Nebraska libraries and librarianship. The recommendation for this award is made by the NLA Advocacy Committee, in the form of a letter of support written by the chair, and forwarded to the NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee for ratification by the NLA Board. The award is presented at the fall conference, or on Nebraska Legislative Day. The award is not necessarily presented annually, but only as a worthy candidate is identified.

Library Champion Award Winners:

2007 – Lowen Kruse

2006 – Senators Chris Beutler, Marian Heiss Price, Nancy Thompson & Roger Wehrbein

1999 – Senator LaVon Crosby, Appropriations Committee, Chair of Committee on Committees.

SECTION AND ROUNDTABLE AWARDS

8.8 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Criteria:

1. Service to academic librarianship within the last five years.
2. Active participation in the section at the time of the award.
3. Present or potential service to NLA/ACRL/ALA.

Nominations should be accompanied by a letter of support detailing the candidate's qualifications. The award is presented at the business meeting at the NLA fall conference. Send nominations along with qualifications to the current Chair of the C and U Section.

C & U Section Distinguished Service Award Winners:

2015 – Jon Ritterbush, University of Nebraska, Kearney

2014 – Ruth Carlock, York College

2013 – Janet Stoeger Wilke, University of Nebraska, Kearney

2012 – Marie Reidelbach, University of Nebraska Medical Center

2011 – Joyce Neujar, University of Nebraska, Omaha

2010 – Joan Giesecke, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
2009 – Corinne Jacox, Creighton University
2008 – Robin Bernstein, Bellevue University
2007 – Jan Boyer, University of Nebraska, Omaha
2006 – Michael LaCroix, Creighton University Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library
2005 – Dana Boden, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
2004 – Jim Bothmer, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
2003 – Glenn Ohlmann, Concordia
2002 – Dorothy Willis, University of Nebraska, Omaha
2001 – Jim Shaw, University of Nebraska Omaha
2000 – Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1999 – Mel Bohn, University of Nebraska, Omaha
1998 – Sharon Mason, University of Nebraska, Kearney
1997 – Sharon McCaslin, Peru State College
1996 – Sandy Herzinger, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1995 – Tom Tollman, University of Nebraska, Omaha
1994 – Kent Hendrickson, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1993 – Chris LeBeau, Creighton University
1992 – Robert Nash, University of Nebraska, Omaha
1991 – Thomas Boyle, Midland Lutheran College
1990 – Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission
1989 – Peggy Brooks Smith, Doane College
1988 – Mary Nash, Creighton University
1987 – John Mayeski, Kearney State College
1986 – Valerie Malzacher, Kearney State College
1985 – Pat Sloan, Nebraska Library Commission
1984 – Elaine Franco, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1983 – Ella Jane Bailey, University of Nebraska, Omaha
1982 – Ray Means, Creighton University
1981 – Charles Gardner, Hastings College

8.9 PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR:

The Paraprofessional Section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) accepts nominations for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award each year. This award is given annually to a paraprofessional who must be a member of the Paraprofessional Section of NLA who has demonstrated outstanding service in a library setting. The recipient will be selected on the basis of all of the following criteria:

1. Innovative programs that the nominee has worked with which have resulted in new or improved library services.
2. Exceptional volunteer work in library service or related field.
3. Exceptional use of library resources, local or otherwise.
4. Significant involvement or leadership in NLA Paraprofessional Section; i.e., holding office, member of a committee, or workshop or conference presentation.

The Paraprofessional of the Year receives:

1. A one-year paid membership to NLA, in the Paraprofessional Section.
2. Fifty dollars.

Nominations are due on July 31 of each calendar year. A special nomination form is available on the Paraprofessional website. Contact the Paraprofessional Section Citations Committee Chair for a print copy. The Chair will present the nominations to the Paraprofessional Section Executive Board for the final decision. The award will be announced following their decision.

Paraprofessional of the Year Recipients:

2015-2016 – Kim Olson, Minden Public Library
2014-2015 – Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library
2013-2014 – Wanda Butts, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
2012-2013 – Terri Johnson, North Platte Public Library
2011-2012 – Nancy Meyer, System Administrator Assistant, Eastern Library System, Omaha
2010-2011 – Martha Grenzeback, Omaha Public library
2009-2010 – Jennifer Wrampe, Nebraska Library Commission
2008-2009 – Janet Greser, Nebraska Library Commission

Note: The year format was changed to reflect the year recipient serves, not the year they were nominated for.

2006-2007 – Angela Kroeger, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2005-2006 – Mary Gubbels, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
2004-2005 – Jenni Puchalla, Southeast Library System
2003-2004 – Robin Brooks, Kilgore Memorial Library, York
2002-2003 – Gayle Roberts, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2001-2002 – Peggy Engel, Columbus Public Library
2000-2001 – Janet Greser; Jacqueline Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission
1999-2000 – Mary Goedek, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Omaha AND Kathy Dukes, Nebraska Library Commission
1998-1999 – La Rae Worden, Northeast Community College
1997-1998 – Judy Winkler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1996-1997 – Vickie Beaver, Nebraska Library Commission
1995-1996 – Mary Geibel, Nebraska Library Commission
1994-1995 – Dorothy Knee & Betty Swenson, University of Nebraska Medical Center
1993-1994 – Mary Cassner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1992-1993 – Lynn Smith, Metropolitan Community College Library
1991-1992 – Marie Rasmussen, McCook Community College
1990-1991 – Debra Poppy, Lincoln City Libraries
1989-1990 – Ellen Snow, Nebraska Library Commission AND Jeannette Hilton, Metropolitan Community College
1988-1989 – Carol Lechner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

8.10 PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TRUSTEE SECTION EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:

The Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service.

Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of the following areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in the local community, regional area, or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional library support.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association. [The Nomination Form can be found on the Public Library Section Website.]

Excalibur Award Recipients:

2015 – Denise Lawver, Wahoo Public Library
2014 – Brenda Ealey, Lincoln City Libraries
2013 – Sarah Watson, Omaha Public Library
2012 – Pam Bohmfalk, Hastings Public Library
2011 – Bev Russell, Scottsbluff Public Library
2010 – John Seyfarth (Bellevue Public Library, retired)
2009 – Lisa Olivigni, Crete Public Library
2008 – Steve Fosselman, Grand Island Public Library
2007 – Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library
2006 – Sally Payne, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
2005 – Wendy Anderson, Bess Johnson Elkhorn Public Library
2004 – Mavis McLean, Alliance Public Library
2003 – Verda Bialac, Omaha Public Library & Ruth Strassler, Neligh Public Library
2002 – Kathleen Griepenstroh, Nebraska City
2001 – Kay Schmid, Hruska Public Library
2000 – Carol Connor, Lincoln City Libraries
1999 – Sara Lee, Central City Public Library
1998 – Lois Landis, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City
1997 – Judy Grandstaff, Blue Hill Public Library
1996 – Mary Neben, Cozad Public Library
1995 – Roberta Lawrey, Edith Abbott Memorial Library, Grand Island
1994 – Becky Baker, Seward Public Library

1993 – Robert Trautwein, Columbus Public Library
1992 – Michael Phipps, Omaha Public Library
1991 – Laureen Riedesel, Beatrice Public Library

8.11 PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TRUSTEE SECTION ADVOCACY AWARD

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the PLTS Advocacy Award. This award recognizes a trustee, user, friend, foundation, or library board that has provided exceptional support for their local library. The award can be given to an individual or a group. The award will be given for support of the library or library community. Some of the areas include but are not limited to the following:

- Advocacy in supporting the library in the community or state
- Significant contribution to a specific program or support of the library
- Contribution to the work of the Nebraska Library Association

It is preferred that the nominee(s) are residents of Nebraska. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, street address, email address and telephone number; the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, street address, email address and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also required are at least three additional letters which support and endorse the nomination. The award is presented at the PLTS business meeting at the NLA annual convention.

PLTS Advocacy Award Winners:

2015 – Bani Christine, Kearney Public Library Board
2014 – Delma Brester, Howells Public Library Board
2013 – Charlene Rasmussen, Wayne Public Library Board
2012 – Mike Teetor, Trustee, Kilgore Memorial Library, York
2011 – Wilma Eaton, Volunteer, Chadron Public Library

8.12 TRUSTEE CITATION AWARD (replaced by the PLTS Advocacy Award):

Each year the Nebraska Library Association reviews nominations for the Nebraska Library Association Trustee Citation. Nominees are selected on the basis of contribution toward the implementation of sound, efficient library policies resulting in the advancement of library service within the community; contribution toward the strengthening of library services outside the area of the local community; effectiveness in serving jointly as the library's spokesman to the community, and the community's spokesman to the library.

Trustee Citation Award Recipients:

2006 – Kathy Lute – Ogallala	1981 – Gale Kosalka, Ralston
2005 – Gerald Bryant – Grand Island	1980 – Mr. Lawrence Clay, Beatrice
2004 – Ruth O'Neal – Clarkson	1979 – Dr. George Strassler, Neligh
2003 – DeEtta Feeken & Elaine Williams – Crete	1978 – Norfolk Public Library Board of Trustees
2002 – Wally Seiler – Alliance	1977 – Mrs. Glen (Mickey) Houston, Imperial
2001 – Lucy Cooper – David City	1976 – Helen Quirk, Hastings
2000 – Patrick Gross – Wayne	1975 – Mrs. Maurice (Dorothy) Havelone, Beatrice
1999 – Dr. Elmer Baker, Kilgore Memorial Library (York)	1974 – Grand Island Public Library Board of Trustees
1998 – Gretchen Mangold – Bennington Public Library	1973 – Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees
1997 – Kathy Rasmussen – Dakota City	1972 – Mrs. Hal (Gretchen) Lainson
1996 – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees	1971 – Kearney Public Library Board of Trustees
1995 – Fern Heim, TUFS	1970 – Mr. Paul Tiegeler, Fremont
1994 – Sylvia Sample, Elkhorn	1969 – [No Award]
1993 – Linda Miller, Lexington	1968 – Mrs. Adrian (Ola) Almquist, Valentine
1992 – Beatrice Public Library Board of Trustees	1967 – Mrs. Russell Booth, Thedford
1991 – Phyllis Carlson, Schuyler	1966 – Mrs. Paul Mockett, Kimball
1990 – Marjorie O'Reilly, Ralston	1965 – Swanson Families of Omaha
1989 – Aileen Gombert, Fairbury	1964 – Mr. Herman Gimmetad, Fremont
1988 – Thelma Lang, Litchfield	
1987 – Hildegard Zelinger, York	
1986 – Sally Hamilton, North Bend	
1985 – Margaret Mills, Osceola	1963 – Phelps County Library Board, Holdrege
1984 – Howells Public Library Board of Trustees	1962 – [No Award]
1983 – [No Award]	1961 – Mrs. Kurt Brennenmann, Hyannis
1982 – Dr. Jerome Rakov, Verdigre	

8.13 SCHOOL, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION GOLDEN SOWER AWARD:

For a complete list of winners see www.goldensower.org

Criteria for Selection of Nominees

1. The books nominated should exhibit literary merit.
2. Titles published in the three years preceding the current year will be eligible.
3. Nominated titles should reflect an equitable consideration for a culturally diverse society.
4. The titles must be in print.
5. Newbery or Caldecott Award winners are not eligible; however, Honor Books may be considered.
6. The authors or illustrators should be living in the United States at the time of nomination.
7. Only one title of any one author or illustrator will be included on the current lists.
8. Authors or illustrators represented on preceding lists may be repeated, but individual titles may not be repeated.
9. The winning author/illustrator will be excluded from competition the following year.

8.14 SCHOOL, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION MAD HATTER YOUTH SERVICE AWARD:

The School, Children, and Young People's (SCYP) Section of the NLA accepts nominations for the Mad Hatter Youth Service Award. It is awarded annually to a librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the field of library service to youth. The award is sponsored by the Children's Press and the winner is chosen from members of the SCYP Section.

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children and Young People's librarianship and library development.

CRITERIA: Individuals nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

1. Imaginative interpretation of library services.
2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults.
3. Demonstration of professional contributions to the regional, state and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations.

Nominee **MUST** be a member of the SCYP Section of the Nebraska Library Association. For a nomination form, please go to the SCYP website.

MAD HATTER AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2015 – Jodi Norton, La Vista Public Library

2014 – Dee Huff, Baright Public Library,
Ralston

2013 – Mary Matuszewski, Sump Memorial
Library, Papillion

2012 – Laura Pietsch, Omaha Public Schools

2011 – Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library
Commission

2010 – Judy Henning, Kearney High School

2009 – Shawna Linder, Kearney Public Library
 2008 – Mary Reiman, Lincoln Public Schools
 2007 – Marci Retzlaff, Norfolk Public Library
 2006 – Patti Burch, North Platte High School
 2005 – Kathy Schultz, Hastings Public Library
 2004 – Judy Andrews, Omaha Public Library
 2003 – Nancy Larimer, Lincoln NE High School
 2002 – Joan Chesley, Fremont Public Library
 2001 – Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools
 2000 – Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries
 1999 – Karla Wendelin, Norris Public Schools
 1998 – Dr. Verne Hazelwood, University of Nebraska Omaha

1997 – Becky Pasco
 1996 – Karen Drevo
 1995 – Beth Trupp
 1994 – Delores Feeken
 1993 – Barbara Fawl
 1992 – Glee Nelson
 1991 – Deb Carlson
 1990 – Carolyn Baker
 1989 – Ardys Hansum
 1988 – Kay Paulsen
 1987 – Betty Keefe
 1986 – Donna Peterson Ewoldt
 1985 – Honey Lou Bonar
 1984 – Virginia Opocensky
 1983 – Connie Champlin

8.15 SPECIAL & INSTITUTIONAL SECTION PROMOTION AWARD: (November 22, 2007)

Recognizes outstanding achievements in marketing/promotion of services in Nebraska's special and institutional libraries. Winners may be either libraries or employees.

Guidelines:

- A Nebraska Special or Institutional library or an employee thereof may be nominated. Nominees need not be a member of the section or a member of NLA. Self-nominations are welcomed.
- Nominations for the award are to be sent to the Section Secretary or other designated Committee Chair by July 1 of the award year.
- The Section Executive Board shall serve as an ad hoc Citations Committee for this award. The Committee reserves the right to make no award in the case of 1). No nominations received or 2). No "deserving nominee".
- The Secretary or Chair shall make copies of all nominations received and circulate these to the other three members of the Executive Board (serving as the ad hoc Citations Committee).
- Using the scale of 0 (low) to 5 (high) points each member of the Committee will assign a numerical value to each nomination submitted. These numerical ratings will be communicated back to the Section Secretary or Chair. He/she will total these for each nomination. (This will make for a range of 0 to 20 points for each nomination.) The nomination receiving the highest number of points will be the SIP Award recipient, except that the nomination must receive a total of at least 10 points.
- No nominations will be held over for the following year.

PROMOTION AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2015 – NLC Talking Book and Braille Program
2014 – [none]
2013 – [none]
2012 – [none]
2011 – Denise Morton, Omaha Correctional Center
2010 – Sam Shaw, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
2009 – Carolyn Dow, Polley Music Library, Lincoln City Libraries
2008 – DHSS Library Consortium
2007 – Beth Goble
2006 – Janice Rihn
2005 – Joy Winkler & Erin Egan-Osburn
2004 – Ellen Weed
2003 – Linda Helfman
2002 – [none]
2001 – Sandy Elton
2000 – Polley Music Library, (Bennett Martin Public Library – Lincoln)
1999 – Health and Human Services Consortium
1989 – John Moritz Library, Methodist Hospital, Omaha
1986 – Dave Oertli, Talking Book and Braille Service, Nebraska Library Commission

8.16 SPECIAL & INSTITUTIONAL SECTION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: (November 22, 2006)

Awarded by the Section President for outstanding service to the Section. Not given every year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2015 – Annette Parde-Maass, Midland University
2014 – [none]
2013 – Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Resource Center
2012 – [none]
2011 – Laura Thompson, Southeast Community College
2010 – Mo Khamouna, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
2009 – Susie Dunn, Christ United Methodist Church Library
2008 – [none]
2007 – Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library
2006 – Carolyn Dow, Polley Music Library, Lincoln City Libraries
2005 – Karen Stefero, District Library & Beth Goble, NLC
2004 – [none]
2003 – Tom Schmitz, Resource Center
2002 – [none]
2001 – [none]
2000 – [none]
1999 – Dorothy Willis, Dana College

8.17 NMRT/HOUCHEN BINDERY BEGINNING PROFESSIONAL AWARD:

The Beginning Professional Award is a cash prize sponsored by Houchen Bindery. It is awarded to a beginning librarian or media specialist who has made significant contributions to library and/or media services in the early stages of his/her career. If you know a new professional who has created innovative programs or services which improved library service in Nebraska, made exceptional use of local, state, or national library resources including special grants, made significant contributions toward the betterment of library and community relations, and been active in professional library organizations on a local, state or national level, then nominate that person for the The Beginning Professional Award. There is now a printable nomination form on the NMRT web site.

BEGINNING PROFESSIONAL AWARD WINNERS:

2015 – Michelle Bullock, Bellevue Public Library
2014 – Cherese McKnight, Omaha Public Libraries
2013 – [none]
2012 – Odessa Meyer, South Sioux City Public Library
2011 – Jake Rundle, Hastings Public Library
2010 – Mo Khamouna, University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
2009 – Susan Franklin, Hastings College
2008 – Laura Bass, South Sioux City Public Library
2007 – Charlene Maxey-Harris, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2006 – Charity Martin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2005 – Susan Skinner, Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago
2004 – Robin Brooks, Kilgore Memorial Library, York
2003 – Stephen Hunt, Plattsmouth Public Library
2002 – Scott Childers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2001 – Karen Hein, University of Nebraska Omaha
2000 – Mary Ellen Ducey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1999 – Judy Engebretsen, Morrill Public Library
1998 – Suping Lu, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1997 – Diana Boone, Creighton University
1996 – Sara Martin, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1995 – Myrna Tewes, Lincoln City Libraries
1994 – Carla Rosenquist-Buhler, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1993 – Tracy Bicknell, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1992 – Marilyn Liedorff, Wayne State University
1991 – Bart Austhof, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1990 – Gretchen Holten, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1989 – Katherine Walter, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1988 – Deb Tuma Church, Crete Public Library
1987 – Mary Nash, Creighton University

1986 – Dee Ann Allison, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

8.18 NMRT MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The Mentor of the Year Award goes to an individual who has aided significantly in the professional development of librarians, media specialists or library staff, and, by example, has influenced their careers.

If you know someone who has: had extraordinary influence on the professional development of one or more junior staff members, encouraged involvement of staff in professional endeavors, provided strong leadership, and set a good example of professional involvement, then you know someone who deserves the Mentor of the Year Award.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

2015 – Kim McCain, Tri County Schools, Dewitt
2014 – Michael Straatmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2013 – Bob Nedderman, Hastings College
2012 – David Mixdorf, South Sioux City Public Library
2011 – Rita Horst, Kearney Public Library
2010 – Christine Walsh, Kearney Public Library
2009 – Judy Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2008 – Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System
2007 – Carol Connor, Lincoln City Libraries
2006 – Gretchen Healy, Little Priest Tribal College
2005 – Dr. Becky Pasco, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2004 – Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission
2003 – Renee McArther, South Sarpy District #46
2002 – Dr. Thomas Boyle, Midland Lutheran College
2001 – Sally Payne, Sump Memorial Library
2000 – Kate Adams, UNL; David Sherwood, Creighton
1999 – Becky Baker, Seward Public Library
1998 – Lorin Lindsay, Peru State College
1997 – Becky Pasco, Lincoln Public Schools
1996 – Karen Warner, Northeast Community College
1995 – Kate Marek, Southeast Library System
1994 – Margaret Harding, Crete Public Library
1993 – Lyle Schreiner, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1992 – Janet Lu, Nebraska Wesleyan University
1991 – Ruth Strassler, Neligh Public Library
1990 – Paul Kruse, Peru State College
1989 – Jack Robson, Nebraska Wesleyan University
1988 – Margaret Mitchell, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
1987 – John Mayeski, Kearney State College
1986 – Mary Doak, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

8.19 ALA EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM SELECTIONS (see Handbook Section 7.10 for selection information)

2016 – Harriet Wintermute, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2015 – Karen Pietsch, Omaha Public Libraries
2014 – [none]
2013 – Holli Beckmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2012 – Andrew Sherman, Sump Memorial Library
2011 – Elizabeth Lighthipe, Bellevue University
2010 – Stacy Lickteig, Omaha Public Schools
2009 – Lori Brezina, Omaha Public Library
2008 – Susan Franklin, Hastings College
2007 – Marcia Dority-Baker, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law Library

8.20 MPLA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SELECTIONS (Biannual since 2010)

2014 – Tina Walker, Holli Duggan, Jayne Germer, Jake Rundle
2012 – Deborah Aden, Gayle Roberts
2010 – Marcia Dority Baker, Robin Clark
2009 – not held
2008 – not held
2007 – [none]
2006 – Scott Childers, Sarah English, Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh
2005 – [none]
2004 – Sally Gibson, Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh (selected – could not attend)
2003 – Cecelia Lawrence
2002 – Debora Robertson