Pa Forward® Adult Programming Awards

The Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) launched the Pa Forward® initiative in 2012. Pa Forward® initiative strives to move Pennsylvania forward through the programming which our libraries carry out in five specific literacy areas: basic, information, civic & social, health, financial. The intent of this award is not to compete with the Association best practices award in early learning, but to be a complimentary adult services award. 5 awards will be given at the 2023 PaLA Annual Conference.

Programs may be submitted in one literacy area. The applications for each literacy area will be reviewed based on the matrix of the extent to which the program focused on the literacy area, the extent to which the program attempted to meet their communities need in a creative way, the extent to which the program takes advantage of the resources available at that the library (this will be a way to equalize the differences between large and small libraries), and the extent to which the program raised the stature of the library in their local community.

Additionally, one program will be selected as the 2023 Pa Forward® Best Adult Program. The award will recognize the year’s most creative and/or most influential adult program in libraries.

It is selected from the winners of each literacy area.

You are permitted to submit more than one application. Please be advised you may not enter the same application in more than one category.

Applicants may be contacted for clarification or additional information. All applicants will be notified whether-or-not their entry is selected for the award.

All applicants will be considered for inclusion in the Pa Forward® Literacies in Action recipe book: Vol. 3.

Thank you for your participation!

The deadline to submit the application is July 21. Winners will be notified early in August.

Sincerely,

Tanya Fischer, Chair, Pa Forward® Literacies Team

Rob Lesher, Pa Forward® Program Manager
Pa Forward® Adult Programming Award Application

Library Name:

Library Address:

County:

Telephone Phone Number:

Email:

Name of person responsible for planning/implementing the program:

Name of person completing the form:

Program Information:

Title of Program:

Check the Literacy your program covered (check only one):

- Basic Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Civic and Social Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Financial Literacy
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In 750 words or less, please give a general overview of your program. Be sure to include the following where applicable:

The goals or outcomes of the program and how you measured effectiveness.

How the program was marketed.

Estimated cost and how it was funded.

Examples of how it was favorably received.

Briefly describe how it supports one of the PA Forward® literacies.

Briefly describe how the program impacted Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Please submit any supporting documents, specifically how you communicated the program to your users and any evaluation you did. For instance, comments, letters, survey responses, photos, video, plan, flyers, etc. These should be attached to your application email.

When submitting your application, please format the subject line to include your category and title of program or design/display. For example: Basic Literacy Award Application, “100 Years of Betty White”

Please send all attachments along with this application in one email to pafoward@pallibraries.org