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## Humanities in Action Award Application 2019

The Pennsylvania Library Association Best Practices Committee is excited to partner with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council in presenting the *Humanities in Action Award*, created to spotlight and honor library programs for youth ages 12-18 that effectively use the humanities as a tool for positive youth development. We are seeking nominations for humanities-based youth programs that:

- Build skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, literacy and leadership;
- Guide youth in socio-emotional learning and support them as they begin to discover who they are, who they want to be, and how to relate to other people; and
- Promote youth voice and compel youth to take action to create positive change in their communities.

The *Humanities in Action Award* will be presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Library Association, as one of its Best Practices Awards. Any Pennsylvania-based, youth library program is encouraged to apply. The honor includes a \$500 monetary gift.

Founded in 1901, the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) is the state's oldest and most diverse professional library organization serving libraries, library employees, library trustees, and Friends of the Library groups. The Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) continues its campaign to raise public awareness of library services and to inform policy-makers of the fundamental role we play in programming across generations.

Since 2004, Pennsylvania libraries have been recognized for their exceptional services to youth (birth to 18) with the Best Practices Award. The Best Practices Committee will honor several libraries at the Carolyne L. Smith Best Practices Award program at the Annual Conference.

This award is made possible by continued membership in the Pennsylvania Library Association. If you are not currently a member, won't you consider joining the organization so that we can continue to honor the best of the best in youth programs.

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

Thank you for your participation!

**The deadline to submit the application is April 30, 2019. Winners will be notified in May.**

Sincerely,

**George Matthew; Chair Best Practices Committee**

**Committee Members: Elaine Volpe, Ann Duffy, Jennifer Roberts, Catherine Stewart, Heather Weleski  
Karl Rebon; Chair Youth Services Division**



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## **Humanities in Action Award Application 2019**

**Library Name:**

**Library Address:**

**County:**

**Telephone Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Name of person responsible for planning/implementing the program:**

**Name of person completing the form:**

**Are you an individual member or an organizational member of the Pennsylvania Library Association?**

### **Program Information:**

**Title of Program:**

**In 500 words or less, please give a general overview of your program. Please describe how the program use the humanities as a tool for positive youth development through the accomplishment of any the following desired outcomes:**

- **Build skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, literacy and leadership;**
- **Guide youth in socio-emotional learning and support them as they begin to discover who they are, who they want to be, and how to relate to other people; and**
- **Promote youth voice and compel youth to take action to create positive change in their communities.**

**Is the program or replicable in other communities similar to yours and why?**

**Are you submitting supporting documents? For instance, comments, letters, survey responses, photos, video, plan, flyers, etc.**

If YES, please follow these instructions for submitting your files:

In the subject line include your category and title of program.

For example: Humanities in Action -After School Book Club.

Please send all attachments along with this application in one email to [palabestpractices@gmail.com](mailto:palabestpractices@gmail.com)