The School Libraries Section has submitted proposed changes for the Louise Meredith Award to the Honors and Awards Committee. The proposed changes are below.

Respectfully submitted by:
Erika Long, Section Chair

On the Awards page:

Proposed:
Louise Meredith School Library Media Award | Submit a Nomination
Recognizes: a school librarian who has made unique and worthy contributions to his/her school instructional program, community, and/or professional landscape through exemplary school library media services.

On the “Submit a Nomination” page:

Proposed:
Purpose: To honor Louise Meredith for her 28 years of devoted service as the Tennessee State Department of Education School Library Supervisor, and to stimulate interest in promotion of school library media programs as essential components of the daily learning experience for students in grades K-12.
Recognizes: a school librarian who has made unique and worthy contributions to his/her school instructional program, community, and/or professional landscape through exemplary school library media services.
Eligibility: Candidates for this award must hold certification as a school librarian and be currently serving in that role at a K-12 school in Tennessee.

Nominations for this award may be made by teachers/colleagues, building-level supervisors/principals, district-level staff, fellow librarians, or community members who have worked closely with the nominee. Please fill out the nomination form below. All nominees will be contacted and asked to provide supplemental information prior to the selection of the award winner.

Initial Form Questions
Your Name (First and Last):
Your Title:
Your Organization/Employer:
Your E-mail Address:
Your Phone Number:
Name of Nominee:
Nominee Title/Position:
Nominee’s Organization/Employer:
Nominee’s E-mail Address:
Nominee’s Phone Number:

In what capacity have you worked with the nominee?
Why are you nominating this person for the Louise Meredith Award?
How does this person go above and beyond the job description to provide exemplary school library services to his/her staff, students, and community?

May we notify this person that you nominated them? Y/N
(If you say no, we will alert them that they’ve been nominated, but your identity will not be revealed.)

Text for Honors & Awards Bylaws:

Louise Meredith Award
● Selected by the School Libraries Section
● Given annually to a school librarian whose school library media program is outstanding in the opinion of the committee representing the School Libraries Section of TLA.
● Purpose:
  ○ To honor Louise Meredith for her 28 years of devoted service as the Tennessee State Department of Education School Library Supervisor;
  ○ To stimulate interest in promotion of school library media services as essential components of the daily learning experiences, K-12; and
  ○ To recognize a school librarian who has made unique and worthy contributions to his/her school instructional program, community, and/or professional landscape through exemplary school library media services.
● Eligibility:
  ○ Candidates for this award must hold certification as a school librarian and be currently serving in that role at a K-12 school in Tennessee.
● Nominations for this award may be made by teachers/colleagues, building-level supervisors/principals, district-level staff, fellow librarians, or community members who have worked closely with the nominee. All nominees will be contacted and asked to provide supplemental information prior to the selection of the award winner.
● The recipient of the Louise Meredith Award will be honored with a plaque and one free year of TLA membership (for the membership year in which the award is received).