

Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Committee

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding program of service in any academic, public, school, or special library in any state of the SELA membership area.

Duties:

1. To announce information about the award in *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN* and other sources and to circulate information about the award.
2. To receive and review nominations for this award.
3. To select recipients of the award if a worthy candidate is found.

History: This award was approved by the Executive Board on June 20, 1977.

Criteria:

1. Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs.
2. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made.
3. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program.

Award:

1. The committee shall select one recipient for the award, and if needed, one honorable mention.
2. A plaque shall be given to the major award recipient. Certificates of Merit will be given for the lesser award. The design and wording of the awards shall be determined by the Awards Committee with approval of the Executive Board.

Procedures:

1. The Awards Committee will publish announcements of the award in *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN* at least one year prior to the conference.
2. Nomination forms may be requested from the chair of the Awards Committee.
3. Nominations are made in writing to the chair of the Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Award Committee at least six months prior to the biennial conference.
4. Because of the distance involved, the Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Awards Committee members need not be expected to visit each library which is nominated. However, librarians in the general area of the nominees may be requested to review the application for the committee.
5. The Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Awards Committee shall recommend recipients to the Awards Committee within two months of the biennial conference.
6. The awards shall be presented at a general session of the biennial conference or at a time and place designated by the Awards Committee and Conference Site and Exhibits Committee.
7. The Awards Committee shall send out announcements of recipients to the next issue of *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN*.