

Rothrock Award Committee

Purpose: To honor a librarian who has contributed substantially to the furtherance of librarianship in the southeast during a career.

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 the Rothrock Award.
3. To select a recipient of the award if a worthy candidate is nominated.

History: The Rothrock Award was established in 1976 from the will of Mary Utopia Rothrock. It was sent to the SELA President on February 11, 1976, and stated, "I bequeath \$10,000.00 to the Southeastern Library Association, the income from which shall be used to establish a biennial award. The recipient of the award is to be designated by a committee of the Association from among librarians of the Southeastern States, and chosen for exceptional contribution to library development in the Southeast." The committee shall be appointed by the President of SELA and shall include librarians from varying member states of SELA. The recipient of this award has always been kept secret until the actual presentation is made during the conference.

Criteria:

1. The age and years of service should not be a deciding factor in the selection.
2. Service in one or more states of the southeast would qualify a person for nomination for the award.
3. The award should be made to only one person in any biennium and, if no deserving person is nominated, an award may be omitted for that biennium.
4. Nomination must be made by an SELA member.

Award: The monetary award should be supplemented by an appropriately worded plaque.

Procedures:

1. The Awards Committee will publish announcements of 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 (see Appendix E. Forms).
3. Nominations are made in writing to the chair of the Rothrock Award Committee at least six months prior to the biennial conference.
4. The Rothrock Award Committee shall recommend recipients to the Awards Committee within two months of the biennial conference.
5. The award 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.
6. Colleagues and relatives of the recipient should be invited to attend the ceremony.
7. The Awards Committee shall send out announcement of recipient to the next issue of *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN*.