OCULA Award for Special Achievement

Description
The OCULA Award for Special Achievement honours exceptional achievement(s) in at least one of the following areas over the past two years:

- Service to OLA/OCULA and other library organizations.
- Research and publication in areas of academic librarianship.
- Planning and implementing a library program which serves as a model to others.

Nominees for this award may be an individual person or a group/project. When nominating a group/project, please select 1-2 individuals to receive the award on behalf of the project or group.

Criteria/Eligibility
Nominees do not have to be members of OLA/OCULA to be eligible for this award.

Nomination Procedure
- The nominator must be a member in good standing of OLA/OCULA.
- The nomination form can be completed at http://awards.accessola.com/ocula-special-achievement/
- The nominator must provide sufficient documented evidence of the nominee’s contribution:
  - One letter of support from the nominator and up to two (2) letters from the nominee’s colleagues supporting the nomination that provide specific examples of the nominee’s achievement(s). The selection committee will evaluate the nomination using the following criteria:
  - **Innovation**: Has the nominee introduced a creative approach to the delivery or implementation of library programs, services, or resources?
  - **Impact**: Is there clear evidence of the impact of the program, service or resource?
  - **Replicability**: Does the program, service, or resource serve as a model to others?
  - **Collaboration**: Was the program, service, or resource developed in collaboration with other staff, libraries, or other organizations?
  - **Longevity**: How will the program, service or resource be maintained?
  - **Alignment with OLA\OCULA**: Does the program, service, or resource align with one or more of OLA\OCULA’s strategic priorities?
• It is recommend that the nominator consults with the nominee for names of colleagues knowledgeable of the nominee's work.
• Nominations will be accepted between: September – November.
• The closing date for nominations in any given year is: November 1.
• Once the winner(s) have been chosen, the OCULA Past President will contact the successful nominator.
  o The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.
• Unless otherwise arranged, the OCULA Past President will also contact the successful nominee and request a photo for promotion purposes.
  o The OLA office will later connect with the nominator and the recipient(s) for award presentation logistics.
• If desired, nominators may be involved in the award presentation such as creating and/or writing the presentation speech. Please indicate your interest to do so in the nomination form.

Selection Process
• Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
• The OCULA Awards Committee may request additional information from the nominee before finalizing its decision
• The OCULA Awards Committee will present all qualified candidates to the OCULA Council for consideration. The Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
• The presentation of the award is at the discretion of OCULA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation Information
• This award is presented at the OLA annual Super Conference at the end of the OCULA Annual General Meeting.
• The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation.
• At the presentation, an introductory speech will be delivered outlining the achievements of the award recipient.
• The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
• Guests of award recipients are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, they must be registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.