OLITA Technology Advancing Libraries Award

Description
The OLITA Technology Advancing Libraries Award recognizes a project that demonstrates leadership in the application of technology to benefit library users, enhance library operations, and extend partnerships.

Please provide details for a primary contact of the group/project in the nomination form.

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:
• Nominations must be for a project and not an individual.
• Nominations may be made by the library representative or others.
• All projects must be operational by the close of the nomination period.
• Libraries must be operating within the province of Ontario.

Nominations will also be judged on the following criteria:
• Problem solving.
• Innovation.
• Impact.
• Timeliness.
• Contribution to the library community.

Timeline
November 1: Nominations Due
November Council Meeting: Nominations deliberated and decisions made
Early-Mid December: Nominators/Nominees informed of decisions and picture of winner(s) requested
Early-Mid January: Final presentation details known and provided to Nominators/Nominees

Nomination Procedure
• The nominator must be a member in good standing of OLA/OLITA.
• The nomination form can be completed at http://awards.accessola.com/olita-project/
• The nominator must provide sufficient documented evidence of the nominee’s contribution potentially including but not limited to:
  o Examples of how the candidate project meets the award criteria.
  o Screenshots, screencasts, or documentation that provides evaluators with an understanding of the project.
  o Letters of support from beneficiaries of the project (maximum of 5).
  o Quantitative and/or qualitative measures of the impact of the project.
Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years with the submission of updated documentation.

- Nominations will be accepted between: September – November.
- The closing date for nominations in any given year is: 1 November.
- Once the winner has been chosen, the OLITA President will contact the successful nominator.
  - The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.

- Unless otherwise arranged, the OLITA President will also contact the successful nominee and request a photo for promotion purposes.
  - The OLA office will later connect with the nominator and the winner 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.
- OLITA Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
- The presentation of the award is at the discretion of OLITA 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 OLITA 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 winner.
- The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, they must be a registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.