OPLA Leadership in Adult Readers’ Advisory Award

Description
OPLA’s Award for Leadership in Adult Readers’ Advisory is an initiative of the Readers’ Advisory Sub-Committee of OPLA. The purpose of this award is to honour excellence in readers' advisory service to adults.

Criteria / Eligibility
- Nominees must be a member in good standing of OPLA.
- Current members of the RA Committee are ineligible for nomination.
  - Past committee members may be nominated provided they have been off of the committee for at least two years.
- Nominees for this award will be evaluated in the following areas:
  - Enhanced service to adult readers in their community.
  - Strong advocacy for readers' advisory services.
  - Active involvement in the public library profession.
  - Innovation in delivery of readers' advisory services.
  - Helping others acquire readers' advisory skills.

Nomination Procedure
- The nominator must be a member in good standing of OPLA/OLA.
- The nomination form is accessed through http://awards.accessola.com/opla-leadership-in-adult-ra/
- The nomination package should include evidence to support the nomination and may potentially include but is not limited to:
  - A letter to the committee.
  - Letters of support.
  - Samples of the nominee’s work.
  - Photographs.
  - News clippings, etc.
  - The detail provided should be sufficient to ensure the committee has a clear understanding of the nominee’s skills, service and leadership related to Readers’ Advisory and other important key considerations.
- Nominations will be accepted between: February - March.
- The closing date for nominations in any given year is: March 15.
- Once the winner has been chosen, the OPLA President will contact the successful nominator.
  - The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.
- Unless otherwise arranged, the OPLA 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
- The OPLA Council will appoint the Selection Committee. It will be composed of members of the Readers' Advisory Committee and two other members of OPLA.
  - Supervisors and co-workers of nominees are not eligible to sit on the selection committee.
- Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years with the submission of updated documentation.
- The OPLA Awards Committee will review all of the applications and assess candidates' eligibility. Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
- The OPLA Awards Committee will present all qualified candidates to the OPLA 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 the OPLA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation Information
- This award is presented at the RA in a Day Event, with recognition at the annual OLA Super Conference.
  - If the award recipient cannot attend the RA in a Day Event, the award will be presented at another OPLA event or at the following Super Conference.
- 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 is encouraged to prepare a short acceptance speech.