Joyce Kipps Memorial Scholarships

Description
In partnership with Library Bound, two scholarships have been developed to help off-set costs for an OLA member to attend one of two signature events. The OLA Super Conference and OPLA’s R.A. in a Day.

The R.A. in a Day scholarship is $200 and the Super Conference scholarship is $300, made payable to the winner or the winner’s institution as requested.

Both scholarships will include a one (1) year membership with OLA/OPLA, the registration fees for the event, and a monetary award towards the cost of travel/accommodations for the recipient to attend the event.

Criteria and Eligibility
- Nominees must be a current OLA/OPLA member.
- Nominees must be employed in a public library and your work must have a Reader’s Advisory focus.
- Nominees must be in the library profession for less than 5 years.
- Nominees cannot be a past recipient as this scholarship can only be received one time for one of the two events.

Application Procedure
- Complete the online application at: http://awards.accessola.com/joyce-kipps-memorial-scholarships/
- Applications will be accepted between: September and December.
- The closing date for applications is: 15 December.

Selection Procedure
- Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above. A sub-committee of the OPLA Reader’s Advisory Committee will review applications and present decisions to the OPLA council.
- The presentation of the scholarship is at the discretion of the OPLA council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation
- The winners of this scholarship are announced via press release through the OLA website, social media, newsletter, Annual Report, and other means.
- The winners of the scholarships will be notified ahead of the press release.
- A cheque for each scholarship amount will be presented to the winner either at the event, or mailed shortly afterward.
• The winners of both events are requested to appear at the OLA Super Conference ahead of the Public Library Awards Gala for a photo with a representative from Library Bound. If the winner of the R.A. in a Day event cannot attend Super Conference, a photo will be taken at the R.A. in a Day event.

Biography, provided by Library Bound

Joyce Kipps
1951 - 2011

Joyce’s workstation was located in the middle of Library Bound, right in the heart of the cataloguing department. Joyce, a librarian, started at Library Bound February 14, 2001. Joyce was our sweetheart. She was to be honored by her peers at our annual service awards presentation in December 2011 for 10 years of service. Unfortunately her time on earth ended suddenly on December 3, 2011.

Joyce was a diligent worker, she was always where she was supposed to be. Among other things, she was our anchor, the person who would wait at night for whoever was still out on the road. It wasn’t necessarily part of her job, but she understood what being part of the LBI family meant. She worked till 6:30 each evening, and she showed up at a respectable 9:30 or 10:00. How did she do it? I believe Joyce worked extra hours, I believe she always stayed till the job or the book truck or the file was done.

Joyce had a personal relationship with everyone. Joyce asked about daughters and husbands and sons, mothers, brothers, sisters, family, personal things. She listened and remembered the stories and the names from previous conversations. She was warm, cheerful, thoughtful and always had a big hug for me upon my return from the west.

She lit up when you talked to her. Joyce became animated. She loved her family,
and was very proud of her nieces and nephews, and her Montreal family. Her family was always in her heart. She loved to show us photos, and she was a scrap booking and genealogy buff.

She was a RA advocate, buying books for her friends and family. Joyce had that skill, the ability to choose the right book even if you did not know it was something you'd like. She had the gift of knowing and reading the people around her.

She wasn't the first in line, she didn't take the spot light. She made a difference by being herself.

She loved skating and talked about the Olympic skaters as if she knew them personally. I can't believe Joannie fell on the ice. How happy the day was when Joannie won the Olympic medal. Joyce loved all things CDN.

She talked of retiring. She was moving back to Montreal. Joyce didn't get that wish. She left us quickly.

They say the good die young and at 60 Joyce was very young. We at LBI want to honor her with this award in her memory. We don't ever want to forget her spirit.