



# NOMINATIONS FOR THE SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE AWARDS

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**NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**

For individual awards:

Nominee:

Position/Title:

Library:

For June B. Mendel Award:

Name of Library:

Library Director:

Nomination submitted by:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

\_\_\_ Outstanding Small/Rural Librarian Award

Recognizes a librarian who is an outstanding leader in the profession. The Librarian of the Conference has made a significant contribution to his/her library and has invested him/herself in efforts to bring about positive change in the small/rural library community. This award goes to an individual currently employed in a Michigan library.

\_\_\_ Trustee/Friend Award

Given to a Trustee or Friend of a small or rural library for distinguished service to rural library development on the local, state, regional, or national level.

\_\_\_ Patron Services Award

Recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library who has made significant contributions to and a positive impact on library service to patrons through outstanding program(s) or services. This can be awarded to a librarian for any aspect of patron service(s).

## LIBRARY AWARD

*“For me the Rural Conference has been a special place, as the first rural conference was put on by the Northland Library Cooperative when I was Director in the mid 1980's, and so it is fitting for us to honor the work done by rural libraries. I have also sponsored for a number of years the State Librarian's Award of Excellence which is presented each year at the MLA Annual conference.” – Roger Mendel*

\_\_\_ The June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service

An award to a library (not an individual) now named for the legacy of our dearly departed and very much missed colleague June Mendel. The award comes with a \$1000 gift from the June B. and Roger Mendel Fund.

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The Mendels chose to create this award to recognize the great work done by our librarians, staff, and boards of rural libraries.

## CRITERIA

Criteria 1: Nomination packet (1-5 points): Does the nomination packet contain letters of support from appropriate individuals such as respected community members, respected members of the library community, library patrons, library friends and library board members concerning the person or library's accomplishments?

Criteria 2: Unique accomplishments (1-10 points): Does the nomination packet contain examples of accomplishments that make this person or library stand out from the other nominations? What's unique for a small or rural library might be within normal operations for a mid or large library.

Criteria 3: Quality of accomplishments (1-10 points): Does the person or library exemplify the best in current library practices? Are they doing more than old-fashioned or routine library service and truly striving for excellence as identified by modern-day best practices including but not limited to activities such as community engagement, diversity of collections & programming, and progressive policies?

Please note that Library Cooperative staff and conference planning committee chairs are not eligible for conference awards. To qualify for the award the library must serve a population of 25,000 or less. Branch locations of larger libraries do not qualify for nomination. The nomination may come from another library, a library user, a community business or organization, or a library cooperative. Self-nominations are also accepted!

## PROCESS

**Successful nominations in the past have typically submitted packets ranging from 5-10 pages.**

Submit one copy of your nomination packet in print or electronically to:

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