

HONORS AND AWARDS

All five members of this Committee, including its Chair(s), are appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect by June 1st prior to his/her taking office as President.

Duties:

- To solicit nominations for awards from the entire membership through personal contact and announcements in the *TLA Newsletter* and tla-l (listserv).
- To select recipients from nominations by Committee members and other TLA members.
- To maintain reasonable records and files on the nominations received and guarantee confidentiality.
- To arrange with the Conference Planning Committee for the presentation of all awards at the Annual Conference.
 - Presentations at Conference Luncheons and Reception:
 - The Honors and Awards Committee is responsible for notifying entities making awards, prior to the Annual Conference pre-registration period, that those receiving awards not otherwise subsidized will have his/her meal provided, but any guests will have to pre-purchase his/her own ticket. A Committee representative will communicate with the Chair of the Conference Local Arrangements Sub-Committee to assure that complimentary meals are planned or to ascertain that any person receiving an award who has prepaid for his/meal is reimbursed for the charge.
- The Chair(s) shall attend all TLA Board of Directors meetings and shall submit quarterly reports on activities and an annual evaluative written report to the membership at the final Board of Directors meeting for the fiscal year.
- New TLA Award:
 - Proposals for new TLA awards MUST be reviewed by the Honors and Awards Committee, which will in-turn present the proposal with the Committee's recommendation to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for approval.
- **Recipients of the following awards are selected by the Honors and Awards Committee:**
 - TLA Honor Award
 - At least one person or group should be selected annually for recognition by the Association for significant contributions to Tennessee libraries and information services.
 - Nominations may include librarians, trustees, or groups who must be members of the Tennessee Library Association and have contributed to the furtherance of librarianship on a state-wide or national level.
 - Any TLA member may make a nomination.
 - The recipient will receive a book clock.
 - Frances Neel Cheney Award
 - The purpose of this award is to recognize a member of the Tennessee Library Association who has made a significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship through the encouragement of the love of books and reading.
 - A significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship includes, but need not be limited to:
 - Notable professional/bibliographical writing or editing that deals with books, the book arts, reading.
 - A program in a library (academic, public, school, special) that encourages reading and/or the appreciation of books.
 - Creative teaching with books at any level (elementary through university).
 - Promotion of books and reading by way of a radio program, a television program, a newspaper column, a newspaper book page, a magazine column, a magazine book page.
 - Information received by the Committee will be held in confidence.
 - The award will consist of a plaque and \$100.00.
 - Friend of the Year Award
 - To honor an outstanding member or group of individuals of a "Friends of the Library" group for exceptional leadership and/or achievements. The overall accomplishments or

- distinguished service of the nominee or group to Tennessee libraries will be considered.
 - Eligibility:
 - Must be a Friends group or member in good standing of Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL)
 - Criteria:
 - Must have made a significant contribution to the advancement of libraries or education in Tennessee in the past year.
 - Should be one who performs outstanding service relating to Friends group activities.
 - May be an individual or group, but must be a member in good standing of FOTL.
 - May be nominated by any person.
 - Recipient is chosen collaboratively by FOTL and TLA. A plaque is presented to the recipient.
- Library Support Staff Award
 - Recognizes outstanding performance by a Library Support Staff member.
 - Committee may choose up to 3 recipients per year.
 - Requires 5 years of current experience as a full-time support staff member in any library located in the State of Tennessee. Individuals who are classified as a Professional Librarian are not eligible.
 - Nominees are required to meet the following criteria:
 - Ability to demonstrate superior and/or creative knowledge and skills in a staff support position.
 - Assumed duties formerly performed by a Librarian.
 - Promotes the library with a positive attitude.
 - Performs above and beyond the call of duty when assisting a Librarian in serving the needs of the library.
 - A recipient(s) will receive a plaque and a one-year membership (or extension of) in TLA.
- TLA Trustee Award
 - The purpose of this award is to recognize a trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in the State of Tennessee.
 - The nominee does not have to be a member of the Tennessee Library Association.
 - Any TLA member may make a nomination.
 - The award will be a plaque and a one-year membership (or extension of) in TLA.
- TLA Honorary Membership
 - Honorary membership should be conferred for significant contributions to librarianship in the State of Tennessee.
 - The purpose is to recognize the sustained contributions of an individual “per se,” not an individual representing the accomplishments of many.
 - The person selected for honorary membership should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon TLA by this designation.
 - Honorary membership should be conferred as a result of a contribution of more than passing importance and of more than limited achievement.
 - The recipient may be a librarian or a person in a related field, and need not be a member of the Association.
 - Only a living person should be considered for honorary membership.
 - In order to make this award more meaningful, its conferment should be very limited.
 - The award will be presented at the Annual Conference, but should not necessarily be considered an annual award.
 - Membership entitles the recipient to a life membership in the Association with no further payment of dues. A book clock will be presented to the recipient.
 - Nominations must be made by a member of the Tennessee Library Association.
- TLA Making a Difference Award
 - To honor an outstanding contribution in leadership, achievement, development or implementation of an exceptional program related to reading, literacy, information sharing, education, libraries or technology. A book clock will be presented to the recipient.
 - To recognize an individual or group of individuals within the State of Tennessee for outstanding contributions and continued support of a specific program and/or

- services that are instrumental in the growth or improvement of literacy, awareness and/or information delivery to the community or libraries.
 - The award will be presented at the TLA Annual Conference, but should not necessarily be considered an annual award.
- Eligibility:
 - Must have created or must currently administer a specific program/service that supports, encourages or provides access to information that enhances life-long learning at any level. The program must be a continuing venture and have been successful for a period of three (3) years or more at the time of the award.
 - Recipient(s) need not retain a library degree or TLA membership.
- Criteria:
 - Provided a sustainable program or service of more than passing importance and of more than limited achievement
 - Performed above and beyond the call of duty
 - Nominations must be made by a current member of TLA.
- **Recipients of the following awards are selected by the group(s) indicated. Selections are reported to the Honors and Awards Committee to insure that recognition is presented at the appropriate time and place.**
- Louise Meredith Award
 - Selected by the School Libraries Section
 - Given annually to a school library media specialist whose school library media program is outstanding in the opinion of the committee representing the School Library Section of TLA.
 - Purpose:
 - To honor Louise Meredith for her twenty-eight years of devoted service as the Tennessee State Department of Education School Library Supervisor.
 - To honor a school library media specialist who has made unique and worthy contributions to the total school instructional program through effective unified school library media services.
 - To stimulate interest in promotion of school library media services as essential components of the daily learning experiences, I-12.
 - Criteria for judging: the nomination data will be submitted on TLA form to reveal the following:
 - Participation in local, state, regional, and national professional library organizations.
 - Development and implementation of a creative library media program at the building level.
 - Active involvement in community affairs.
 - Recognition by administrators, fellow teachers, students, and other school library media specialists as a leader in the field.
 - Eligibility:
 - Holds certificate endorsement as a school librarian (school library media specialist).
 - At least three years experience as a school library media specialist in an accredited elementary and/or secondary school and currently serving at the building level.
 - Holds membership in at least one of the following professional organization: TLA, TSLA, SELA, or ALA.
 - Nominations may be made by superintendents, principals, supervisors, classroom teachers, or other library media specialists.
 - The recipient of the Louise Meredith Award will be honored with a plaque and one free year of TLA membership (for the membership year in which the award is received)..
- Volunteer State Book Award
 - Given by TLA and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians for authors of books chosen as favorites by the youth of the State of Tennessee.
 - Award is presented at the Annual Conference of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians.

- See “Joint Committees” at the end of this listing for a full description of selection process.
- James E. Ward Library Instruction Award
 - Selected by TLA Library Instruction Roundtable
 - To recognize any member of TLA who participates in the planning, execution, or evaluation of a continuing program or special project of library instruction for an academic, school, public, or special library.
 - Where the significant contributions of more than one person are involved, the award may be shared.
 - Criteria:
 - Outstanding and sustained work on continuing programs or projects concerned with library instruction.
 - Innovative and creative achievement in the development of library instruction programs or projects.
 - Promotion of a positive image of libraries in the minds of library users.
 - Leadership in the promotion of library instruction on the local, state, regional, or national level.
 - Contributions to the knowledge of instructional librarianship through publications, lectures, etc.
 - Participating in Tennessee Library Instruction Roundtable
 - A plaque will be awarded to the recipient.
- Tennessee History Book Award
 - Given jointly by TLA and the Tennessee Historical Commission.
 - The three-member Selection Committee is composed of one representative each from TLA and the Tennessee Historical Commission, and one member-at-large.
 - To recognize excellence in historical writing with a content and theme centered on Tennessee history.
 - Three copies of a nominated book must be provided by the publisher for the nomination to be considered by the Selection Committee.
 - A cash award of \$200 and a plaque will be awarded to the recipient.
- Parnassus Books / TLA Intellectual Freedom Award
 - Selected by the TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.
 - To recognize the contribution of an individual or group who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee.
 - Eligibility:
 - Persons or groups who have actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee.
 - Activities of the last three years are eligible for consideration.
 - Individual and groups are encouraged to nominate themselves for the award.
 - An award of \$500 and a plaque will be presented to the recipient.
 - Monetary award is supported in full by Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN.
 - (2016:):The \$500 award may be provided by an outside entity upon a joint recommendation from both the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Honors and Awards Committee and final approval by the Executive Committee. Both the outside entity and TLA’s names will appear on the plaque. If no outside entity wishes to provide financial support, TLA will support the award in full.)
- Daniel Taylor Award
 - Selected by the TLA Children’s/Young Adults Roundtable
 - To recognize a significant contribution to Children’s / Young Adults Services through creative approaches to enhance library services for children and youth.
 - Eligibility:
 - Sustained exceptional work on continuing programs or projects concerned with children’s and/or young adults services.
 - Innovative and creative programs and outreach for children and/or young adults.
 - Promotion of a positive image of libraries and library services.

- Participation in CYA Roundtable activities.
 - Past recipients may not be re-nominated.
 - Nominations must be made TLA members.
- An award of \$100 will be presented to the recipient's library and a plaque will be presented to the recipient at the TLA Annual Conference.