



Intellectual Freedom Committee

Oregon Library Association

Intellectual Freedom Champion of the Year Award

As stated in chapter 33 of the OLA bylaws, the purpose of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Champion of the Year Award is to recognize truly outstanding effort in promoting the principles of intellectual freedom. The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Oregon Library Association (<http://www.olaweb.org/if-home>) administers the award and presents it at the awards banquet held at the OLA Annual Conference.

Qualifications for recipients:

- Nominations are limited to individuals or institutions whose efforts benefited Oregon, or who were residents of Oregon at the time when they promoted intellectual freedom in an outstanding way. Nominees do not have to be OLA members.
- Nominations may be made for activities ongoing or completed in the previous five years.
- Persons who have won the award during the past five (5) years are ineligible.
- Current voting members of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) are ineligible.

Nomination process:

- Nominations will be solicited using the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee's website, OLA Hotline Newsletter, OASL Newsletter, and Libs-OR and OASL listservs.
- Nominations will be accepted through a nomination form. The form will be available by request from the Intellectual Freedom Committee and will also be available on the IFC webpage.
- Each nomination should be documented with a narrative statement and any news releases, supporting letters, published articles and other documentation that supports the nomination.
- One copy of the completed nomination form and supporting materials shall be submitted to the IFC by two (2) months prior to the OLA annual meeting.

Criteria used in selecting a winner:

- Developed an innovative information program relating to intellectual freedom issues;
- Upheld intellectual freedom principles in the face of challenge;
- Actively promoted intellectual freedom principles in his/her sphere; and/or
- Exemplified the spirit of intellectual freedom.