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Kathryn Roots Lewis
AASL President, 2018-2019

Director of Libraries & Instructional Technology
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President’s Crystal Apple Award

In recognition of a deep and sustained commitment to the paramount importance of school librarians and school administrators to the learning communities they serve.
Marney Welmers

In recognition of her deep commitment to and sustained support of school librarians and the learners they serve.
Introducing

Steven Yates
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Susan Yutzey
AASL Awards Committee Chair, 2018-2019
AASL awards & grants

ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant
up to $1,750
sponsored by ABC-CLIO

Distinguished Service Award
$3,000
sponsored by Rosen Publishing

Intellectual Freedom Award
$3,000
sponsored by ProQuest

Affiliate of the Year Award
up to $1,000
sponsored by AASL

Frances Henne Award
$1,250
sponsored by ABC-CLIO

Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey
Social Justice Award
up to $3,000 and
$5,000 in books
sponsored by Penguin

AASL Past-Presidents
Planning Grant for National
School Library Standards
up to $7,500
sponsored by Susan Ballard and
Cassandra Barnett

Innovative Reading Grant
$2,500
sponsored by Capstone

Ruth Toor Grant for
Strong Public School
Library Programs
$3,000 and up to $2,000
for travel
sponsored by Jay Toor

Collaborative School
Library Award
$2,500
sponsored by Upstart

Inspire Collection
Development Grant
up to $20,000
sponsored by Marina Welmers

Inspire Special Event Grant
up to $10,000
sponsored by Marina Welmers

Apply to be among the class of
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Inspire Collection Development Grant

Chair, John Byrnes
Janet Wile
Serenity O'Brien
Nicolle Mazzola
Jenny Umbarger
Inspire Collection Development Grant

To improve student achievement, public school libraries may apply for up to $5,000 in funds to extend, update, and diversify their book, online, subscription, and/or software collections. Donated by Marina “Marney” Welmers, a total of $20,000 may be distributed annually.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Sean Casey
Northeast Middle School
Minneapolis, Minn.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Northeast Middle School is honored to be a recipient of the Inspire Collection Development Grant. The purchasing of new fiction and nonfiction materials made possible as a result of this grant will allow us to address our library media collection’s gaps in the areas of diversity, experiences, and representation, and enable us to ensure that it reflects the range of people, ideas, and issues in our society as well as the needs, interests, and abilities of our students.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Melissa Iamonico
Sprain Brook Academy
Valhalla, N.Y.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

I am extremely pleased to be awarded one of the Inspire Collection Development Grants. This grant will be used to develop a library for students at Sprain Brook Academy, which is housed in a correctional facility. The Inspire Collection Development Grant will allow the School Library System to reach students who have not been served by a school library in the past, and we look forward to providing these students with exciting and relevant titles.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Lauren Mabry
Andrew Lewis Middle School
Salem, Va.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Following student-requested genrefication of our fiction collection, the Inspire Collection Development Grant provides essential funding for developing and sustaining avid, intrinsically motivated readers. This grant will fund new materials in our most popular genres with an emphasis on diverse, more advanced titles to attract and retain readers throughout their time in middle school, as well as reading materials to support our increasing population of students who are learning English and/or literate in additional languages.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Holly Schwarzmann
Largo Middle School
Largo, Florida
I am so excited to receive an AASL Inspire Collection Development Grant. After weeding thousands of very outdated materials from our collection, the $5000 grant will go a long way in helping me purchase updated and diverse books for our library. My goal is to provide our students with high interest and narrative nonfiction titles that reflect the diversity of our school community and titles that support our goals of becoming a fully certified International Baccalaureate School.
Inspire Collection Development Grant

Ness Shortley
Horton Middle School
Pittsboro, N.C.
I believe school librarians and libraries need to be the heart of the school in more ways than one. We get to see every student and can have a huge impact on them by creating loving and brave spaces for them with our collections, our libraries, and ourselves. We can also lead with a focus on equity and collecting and sharing anti-racist, anti-ableist, anti-queerphobic, and other diverse and inclusive resources with our students and colleagues.
Mae-Lynn Smith
Great Oaks Charter School Wilmington
Wilmington, Del.
Mae-Lynn Smith has spent her career developing libraries and teaching technology to students and staff. After graduating with a Bachelor of Art degree from Vassar College in 1995, Ms. Smith began her teaching career at the primary level. A decade later, she earned a Master of Information and Library Science degree from Drexel University, and began building secondary library programs in suburban Philadelphia. In 2014, she moved to the charter school community in Wilmington, DE.
Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant

Chair, LeeAnna Mills
Melissa Gardner
Donna Macdonald
Kim Martin
Nikki Gregerson
Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant

To support a pre-existing public middle or high school library—led by a certified school librarian—that has incurred damage or hardship due to a natural disaster. Donated by Marina “Marney” Welmer, a total of $30,000 may be distributed annually.
Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant

Jones County School
North Carolina
School Librarian,
Beverly Hines
Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant

Jones County suffered massive damage from wind and flooding during Hurricane Florence. In the aftermath, the concern was high on how we could replace some of the resources that were lost. We are a rural county located in eastern North Carolina with limited resources. I immediately thought to reach out to my professional organization for help. I am proud to be a member of AASL and ALA. When I was in college at ECU, my professor stressed the importance of joining and being active in professional organizations. I love being involved within the community of peers and recognize the good works that is being done on our behalf. My largest regret is that I cannot be here personally to accept this award. Nine months after Florence and our entire county is still in a state of recovery. Being awarded this grant will help our media center to move forward and help our students to have the resources they so desperately need. We thank you so much for this honor and privilege of being the recipient of this grant.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Chair, Rebecca Gordon
Lou Greco
Rebecca Hunt
Bree Ruzzi
Eboni Henry
Inspire Special Event Grant

The grant, donated by Marina "Marney" Welmer, provides up to $2,000 in funding to school libraries looking to engage students with school library resources and promote reading, books, literacy, and authors. The funds can be used to create a new extracurricular activity or enhance an existing extracurricular activity that will increase student achievement. A total of $10,000 may be distributed annually.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Wendy Carrington
Northeast Bradford Jr./Sr. High School
Rome, Pa.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide more reading materials to the students of Northeast Bradford School District. Our lack of a public library in the district and limited resources have limited summer reading opportunities. Your grant will provide our students with the needed materials to maintain their enthusiasm for reading that they developed during the school year.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Melissa Cortese
Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School
Buffalo, N.Y.
My name is Melissa Cortese and I am the library media specialist from the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School. I am honored to accept the AASL Inspire Special Event Grant for my middle school library. This is my first year teaching as a library media specialist and I am very excited to use this grant as a way to engage my students with reading especially with STEM subjects.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Lori Quintana
Griffin Middle School
Smyrna, Ga.
Lori Quintana is a library media specialist at Griffin Middle School in Smyrna, Georgia for the Cobb County School District. She has a Masters in Education in School Library Media and is completing her Education Specialist Degree at the University of West Georgia. Lori is an advocate for student voice and reading literacy. She is the recipient of the Smyrna Mayor's Educator Award and a recent graduate of the Cobb County Teacher Leader Academy.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Amanda Jones
Live Oaks Middle School
Watson, La.
Inspire Special Event Grant

I am so delighted to receive this grant from AASL to not only help continue our school-wide Battle of the Books program, but allow us to host a regional Battle of the Books competition with the other 8 middle schools in our district. This program will not only provide a quality program at each school’s level, but bring a sense of togetherness to our middle schools and community.
Inspire Special Event Grant

Anne Reis
Homewood Center
Ellicott City, Md.
I am Anne Reis, Media Specialist at Howard County Maryland’s alternative school. In his novel, Ghost, Jason Reynolds states, “You can’t run away from who you are, but what you can do is run toward who you want to be. I am grateful for this Inspire Grant which will allow me to facilitate a literary series on the theme, “Show Me A Hero” and help my students “run toward who they want to be.”
Past Presidents Planning Grants

Chair, Dorcas Hand
Blake Hopper
Sharon Taylor
Jackie Galante
Marcia Porter
Past-Presidents Planning Grants

The AASL Past-Presidents Planning Grant for National School Library Standards is designed to help AASL affiliates plan and execute an event, initiative, or activity focused on the implementation of the new AASL National School Library Standards.
Past-Presidents Planning Grants

Grant awarded in honor of E. Blanche Woolls, sponsored by Roger and Susan D. Ballard.

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association
(submitted by Allison Mackley)
Past President’s Planning Grants
Past Presidents Planning Grants

The AASL Past-President Planning Grant for *National School Library Standards* will provide the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) with the funding necessary to develop, market and carry out professional learning initiatives that support school librarians as they implement best practices that impact academic achievement for learners. PSLA is dedicated to transforming teaching and learning not only through quality school library programs but also by leveraging the AASL *National School Library Standards* for local advocacy efforts.
Past-Presidents Planning Grants

Grant awarded in honor of David Loertscher, sponsored by Roger and Susan D. Ballard.

Virginia Association of School Librarians
(submitted by Judy Deichman and Jeffrey DiScala)
Past-Presidents Planning Grants

Grant awarded in honor of Helen R. Adams, sponsored by Cassandra Barnett.

New Jersey Association of School Librarians
(submitted by Gabrielle Casieri)
Gabrielle Casieri is the school library media specialist at Lawrence Intermediate School. She teaches 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Gabrielle is an active member of the New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) and is the Chair of the NJASL Standards Subcommittee. Gabrielle and her committee are passionate about school librarianship and sharing the new AASL standards with all NJ public education stakeholders.
ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant

Chair, Michael-Brian Ogawa
Stephanie Luyt
Alpha DeLap
Calypso Gilstrap
Meg Finney
ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant

The grant, up to $1,750 donated by ABC-CLIO, is given to school library associations that are AASL affiliates for planning and implementing leadership programs at the state, regional, or local levels. Applicants must be an AASL affiliate organization.
ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant

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ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant

Thank you so much to the AASL and ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant Subcommittee for making this opportunity possible. SCASL is using this grant to kick-off an Emerging Leaders program to help develop new leader librarians. Ten (new to the position) school librarians were selected in the inaugural group and will meet 7 times throughout the year to cultivate leadership skills to accomplish their goals. This grant allowed us to start off with a bang and will allow SCASL to offer more support to these budding leaders.
AASL Affiliate of the Year Award

Chair, Mary Jo Richmond
Pam Harland
Craig Seasholes
Nicole Ballard-Long
Sara Kelly Johns
The AASL Affiliate of the Year Award recognizes the AASL Affiliate most active and dynamic in achieving the goals of AASL at the state and local level. AASL established this award to acknowledge the important contributions made by AASL Affiliates and encourage affiliates to take pride in their accomplishments. Through this recognition, AASL encourages educational growth, increased involvement at the national level and community, and legislative involvement.
AASL Affiliate of the Year

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association
Collaborative School Library Award

Chair, Susan Ballard
Stephanie Ham
Ann Vickman
Jennifer Powell
Kristen Falco
Collaborative School Library Award

The Collaborative School Library Award recognizes and encourages collaboration and partnerships between school librarians and educators in meeting goals outlined in *National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians and School Libraries* through joint planning of a program, unit or event in support of the curriculum and using school library resources.
Collaborative School Library Award

Carolyn Foote & Melinda Darrow
Westlake High School
Austin, Texas
Collaborative School Library Award

It is so gratifying to be honored for a project that has impacted our students so powerfully. Hearing students tell us how the project changed their view of research or changed their career paths is so powerful. As a teacher-librarian, knowing you can work alongside teachers to help students learn in new ways is everything. It’s also been personally inspiring to collaborate with our teacher, Melinda Darrow, to create this opportunity. Collaborating with teachers to impact students is truly at the core of our work as librarians.
Frances Henne Award

Chair, Klaudia Janek
Megan Barnes
Martha Pangburn
Aimee Haslam
Karen Egger
Frances Henne Award

The AASL Frances Henne Award recognizes a school librarian with five years or less experience who demonstrates leadership qualities with learners, educators, and administrators. The award provides a stipend for the recipient's first-time attendance at an AASL National Conference or ALA Annual Conference.
Frances Henne Award

Holly Schwarzmann
Largo Middle School
Largo, Florida
I am absolutely thrilled to be the 2019 recipient of the Frances Henne Award. After all the hard work I’ve put into to revamping our library over the past year, it feels wonderful to be recognized for all my hard work. I hope this award will bring more attention to the important work school librarians do in their communities and shine a spotlight on all the wonderful changes that are happening at my school.
Innovative Reading Grant

Chair, Cathy Evans
Katie Salmela
Emmanuel Faulkner
Deb Sondall Saetveit
Alexa Lalejini
The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.
Innovative Reading Grant

Susan Gauthier
East Baton Rouge Parish (La.) Schools
Innovative Reading Grant

We are excited to be awarded the American Association of School Librarians Innovative Reading Grant to collaborate on a project with the Baton Rouge Zoo. This grant will support Belfair Montessori Magnet students in examining biographies and researching animals. It will provide the opportunity for students to bring awareness to the community about the importance of the zoo through the animals’ eyes. We are looking forward to meeting the animals and sharing their stories with everyone.
Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award

Chair, Savannah Sessions
Kerry Townsend
Dedra Van Gelder
Karen Meier
Lisa Koch
Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award

The Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award recognizes AASL members who have collaboratively designed a lesson, event, or course of study on social justice. The award is named for Miss Honey, a character in Dahl’s “Matilda,” honoring the way many of Roald Dahl’s books convey a child’s sense of social justice. In “Matilda,” Miss Honey is a nurturing educator who supports the title character, a gifted young girl in an unkind home.
Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award

Joquetta Johnson
Randallstown High School
Randallstown, Maryland
Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award

I view my world and my profession with an equity lens. My philosophical beliefs are entrenched in fighting social injustices. As the 2019 recipient of the Roald Dahl’s Miss Honey Social Justice Award, I feel my passion and my commitment to activate and amplify my student’s voices have been validated. Receiving this award spotlights, the significant role school librarians play in fostering meaningful instructional and collaborative partnerships. We cultivate equitable learning spaces for ALL students, as well as engage and empower them. This cultivation helps all of our students recognize that their voice matters and that they can be agents for social change.
Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public Schools

Chair, Hilda Weisburg
Annalisa Keuler
Jenny Takeda
Joanna Gerakios
Damon Austin
Jay Toor honors his wife, Ruth Toor, with the establishment of The Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public School Libraries. The grant provides funding support on a competitive basis to public school libraries—located in the United States and led by a certified school librarian—for the creation and implementation of a local public awareness/marketing campaign that promotes and positions their school library as a necessary resource in the community, tying in the theme “Strong School Libraries.”
Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public Schools

Jennifer Sturge
Calvert County Public Schools
Prince Frederick, MD
Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public Schools

Relationships are a key component to a successful school library program. I am honored to work to forge positive relationships between students, educators, and the school librarians. When transitioning from the elementary library model to the middle school model in our district, creating lasting relationships with stakeholders can sometimes prove difficult. Thanks to this grant, our team can provide outreach opportunities and create the lasting relationships encouraging students and staff to utilize the school library.
Distinguished School Administrator Award

Chair, Susan Hess
Terry Young
Fran Glick
Sarah Hunicke
Marian Royal-Vigil
The Distinguished School Administrator Award honors a school administrator who has made worthy contributions to the operations of an exemplary school library and to advancing the role of the school library in the educational program.
Distinguished School Administrator Award

Dr. Shirley Simmons
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Norman (Oklahoma) Public Schools
Distinguished School Administrator Award

School librarians prepare and nurture learners for an ever-changing world by fostering a culture of discovery, inquiry, creativity, and innovation in school libraries. Through immersion and exploration, making content relevant, learners experience deep learning. School libraries that focus on providing learners with opportunities to explore and identify their own questions empower and develop them into lifelong learners who are not only curious but have the skills to critically analyze information and create new meaning.
Distinguished Service Award

Chair, Liz Deskins
Christina Norman
Amanda Lanza
Stacey Kern
Laurie Bolt
The Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual member of the library profession who has, over a significant period of time, made an outstanding national contribution to school librarianship and school library development.
Distinguished Service Award

Joyce Kasman Valenza, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Rutgers University
Distinguished Service Award

In a forty-three year career I’ve seen over and over again how librarians can transform cultures of learning and literacy when they hit the start button to make magic happen. To accomplish an explicitly transformational mission, librarians must reinterpret and lead as information and communication landscapes emerge and evolve. They must see their programs as growing organisms. It’s our job to play with the future--to continually translate practice. I have been fortunate to be at the right place at the right time with my eyes and my mind wide open to new ideas and connections. What fun it has been to explore together with you new ways to lead and share and build our community of practice! I am deeply honored by this award and that you have found value in my work. Thank you all. And thank you, dear friends at Rosen for being our partners in our journey every step of the way.
AASL National School Library of the Year

Chair, Rob Hilliker
Maria Petropulos
Richard Connell
Priscille Dando
Amanda Kordeliski
Established in 1963, the award recognizes school libraries as an unique and essential part of their learning community. NSLY honors school libraries exemplifying implementation of AASL's National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries.
National School Library of the Year
High School District 214 is a large, diverse district located in suburban Chicago. The district’s six teacher-librarians--Katie Alexander, Dawn Ferencz, Barry Hanrahan, Mike Kic, Kim Miklusak, and Christie Sylvester--work collaboratively with faculty and staff, sender schools, public libraries, and community organizations to guide students as they perform independent research and inquiry that prepares them to be college and career ready. Additionally, they support and encourage reading and literacy instruction across curricula.