2013-2014 ALA CD#36 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting

ALA Award Proposal

Name of Award:

The Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced With Adversity

Definition, Purpose and Criteria:

It is of the opinion of Lemony Snicket, author, reader, and alleged malcontent, that librarians have suffered enough. Therefore he is establishing an annual prize honoring a librarian who has faced adversity with integrity and dignity intact. The prize will be a generous amount of cash from Mr. Snicket's disreputable gains, along with an odd, symbolic object from his private stash, and a certificate, which may or may not be suitable for framing. It is Mr. Snicket's hope, and the ALA's, that the Snicket Prize will remind readers everywhere of the joyous importance of librarians and the trouble that is all too frequently unleashed upon them.

Number and Frequency of Award

One award given annually to a librarian. If a suitable candidate is not found, the award will not be presented that year.

Selection of Jury to Administer the Award:

The award jury will consist of five people: a chair and four jury members. A staff member of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom will act as a non-voting liaison to the award jury. The members of the jury shall consist of ALA members with at least one member from any of the youth divisions (ALSC, AASL, YALSA) and at least one member from IFC or IFRT.

Deadline for Nomination of Candidates:

The deadline for the first year is May 1. Subsequent years will be December 1.

Screening of Candidates and Recommendations:

- The nominee must be a librarian.
- The following information must be addressed in the application:
 - A narrative describing the adverse incident the librarian faced and a description of their response, result, and resources utilized
 - o Name and contact information of the nominee
 - Name and contact information of the nominator (if applicable)
 - Other supporting documentation (if applicable)
- If the jury determines that no suitable candidate has been received, no award will be given.

Presentation of the Award:

The award will be presented during the Awards Reception at the ALA Annual Conference.

Form and/or Type of Award:

\$3,000 check + \$1,000 travel, a certificate, and an odd object

Donor:

Daniel Handler, AKA Lemony Snicket

Budget:

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY17	FY18
Cash award	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
for honoree					
Travel (hotel,	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
air, etc.)					
Administrative	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
costs					
TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
EXPENSES					

\$5,000 per year for 5 years—converting to an endowed award after the 5-year review process if both parties wish to continue.

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Promotional plans:

ALA OIF will work with Lemony Snicket and his publisher, Little Brown, to promote the award and its recipient via press releases, social media, blog posts, and websites.

Evaluation: Plans for evaluating effectiveness of the award

The ALA Awards committee will evaluate the award after the third (3rd) year.

Lemony Snicket will provide a check each year for the first 5 years if approved. After that, Mr. Snicket will fund an endowed award to be managed by the ALA/OIF—in an amount sufficient to provide at least \$5000 per year going forward.