

2009 COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA AWARD

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and Highsmith Inc.



PURPOSE

To recognize and encourage collaboration and partnerships between school library media specialists and teachers in meeting goals outlined in *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning* through joint planning of a program, unit, or event in support of the curriculum and using media center resources.

NATURE OF THE AWARD

A cash award of \$2,500 will be given to the recipient's school library media center. It is recommended that a portion of the cash award be used to provide opportunities for the recipients to share their project at a state association conference. Recipients may also use a portion of the award toward travel expenses to attend the American Library Association conference to accept the award. The award would also include a plaque identifying the names of recipients and school for display in the school library media center. Award will be presented during the AASL Awards Ceremony at the American Library Association Annual Conference.

CRITERIA

The applicants will be a school library media specialist and teacher(s) who have worked together to execute a project, event, or program to further information literacy, independent learning, and social responsibility using resources of the school library media center. The application will address the degree to which the project meets the standards outlined in *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning*.

The following criteria will be used in the selection process:

- The library media specialist must be a personal member of the AASL.
- The project will be judged on:
 1. The degree of joint effort, over a significant period of time, between the library media specialist and classroom teacher(s);
 2. Use of school library media center resources;
 3. Degree in meeting the goals and standards outlined in *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning*.
- The project submitted should reflect a best practice that can serve as a model for others in collaborative planning.

Deadline

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 2, 2009

(Facsimile and/or electronic copies will not be accepted.)

Mail 10 (ten) copies to:

AASL/Collaborative School Library Media Award
c/o American Association of School Librarians
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

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Application



Names:

Media Specialist _____ ALA Membership No: _____

Teacher(s) _____ Grade/Level _____

_____ Grade/Level _____

_____ Grade/Level _____

School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Date submitted _____

Responses to the following should be placed on a separate attachment:

1. State title of project and the learning outcomes achieved.
2. Outline the collaborative process between the library media specialist and teacher(s) in planning and implementing the project. Give specific examples.
3. Describe how school library media center resources were used in implementing the project.
4. Assess how the project met Information Power goals and standards.
5. Include three letters of support from the principal, teachers, parents or students.
- *6. (Optional) Include student work to illustrate examples of the project.

The application, including all supporting documents and attachments should not exceed 10 pages.