

# Call for Nominations: 2021 ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects

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The International Relations Round Table is proud to announce a call for nominations for the

## ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects

The ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) invites you to nominate innovative international library projects that qualify for the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects. Citations are awarded by the ALA President each year at the International Librarians Reception at the ALA Annual Conference.

**The deadline for nominations is January 11th.** Nominations are submitted to the ALA International Relations Office (e-mail: [intl@ala.org](mailto:intl@ala.org)) for review by the IRRT Advisory Award Committee on the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects.

### Guidelines for selection of a project

The following criteria will be used in selecting recipients:

1. Nominations can be made by an ALA member or an individual with an IFLA affiliation. Nomination by a member of the Citation and Reception Committee would be considered a conflict of interest.
2. Only one library nomination per Library can be submitted.
3. Any projects that fall within the category of professional development for staff and librarians will not be considered. Beneficiaries of the projects must be library patrons only.

### The following criteria will be used in selecting recipients:

1. Nomination needs to be for a group library project. The project nominated should be original to that library and greatly improves its library services and patrons' access to information.
2. The recipient will have designed, initiated, and implemented a highly visible innovative library service(s) in a country outside of the United States and within the last three years. The recipient may not be affiliated with an U.S. institution/agency and may not have received U.S. funds in a direct or indirect manner.
3. Past recipients of the ALA Presidential Citation must submit entirely new projects, not a successful continuation of a former project.
4. The project should draw attention to the potential of libraries to create positive change.
5. The project must demonstrate a strong likelihood of sustainability and have potential to serve as a model for other libraries.
6. The project must be current, that is, it must be in operation during the year that the Citation is awarded.

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### Citation Awarding Process

Individuals submitting nominations will be notified by February 11th of each year regarding the decision of the IRRT Advisory Award Committee.

An invitation letter to attend the ALA International Librarians Reception and accept the citation will be issued to the successful nominations by the ALA International Relations Office.

Successful nominations will receive a framed citation from the current ALA President at the International Librarians Reception on the Monday evening of the ALA Annual Conference. The Citations will be announced in various ways including through an announcement on the IRRT website and shared with ALA's Public Information Office.

Funding to attend the ALA Conference is not provided, nor is there a financial award with the Citation. However, recipients requiring assistance with letters of invitation or other documents related to conference attendance should contact the ALA International Relations Office.

**Please complete the nomination form below and submit it to the International Relations Office by email ([intl@ala.org](mailto:intl@ala.org)) by January 11, 2021.**

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## NOMINATION FORM

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of project and individual, library or organization responsible for the project.)

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(Mailing address of nominee)

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(Email of nominee)

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(Phone number of nominee) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of nominator:**

**Mailing address of nominator:**

**Phone number of nominator: ( )**

**Email of nominator:**

**ALA Membership Number or IFLA Affiliation of nominator:**

Please attach a nomination letter of no more than two pages that includes a description of the project, contact information for the person/s responsible for the project, a timeline for its implementation. The description of the project should address the criteria listed above. Images may be included in addition to the two-page nomination letter. Project web sites or links can also be included. *The nomination letter must be received by the International Relations Office by January 11, 2021 to be considered for the next Annual Conference.*

**Submit nominations via email to [intl@ala.org](mailto:intl@ala.org)**

Questions should be sent to the International Relations Office at [intl@ala.org](mailto:intl@ala.org) who will forward them to the Chair of the ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects Committee. Information about previous recipients may be found at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/irrt/alapresintlbraryaward/index.cfm>