AWARD COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, May 24, 2021
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Attendees Via Zoom:
1. Jos Holman, Chair
2. Ven Basco, Member
3. Charity Cree, Member
4. Laura Gentry, Member
5. Mark Lopez, Member
6. Jennifer Maddox Abbott, Member
7. Christopher Proctor, Member
8. John Sandstrom, Member
9. Sandy Wee, Member
10. Amanda Carr, Committee Associate
11. Theresa Jehlik, Committee Associate
12. Tamika Barnes Ala Executive Board Liaison

ALA Executive Board Liaison Tamika Barnes gave board updates.

The committee reviewed a new award proposal from RUSA the Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia. The award has not been approved by the RUSA Board. The award committee provided assistance to improve the award so it would get approved by the RUSA Board. They will bring it back to the Award Committee at a later date.

John Sandstrom gave an update on the ALA Award Manual revisions that was approved by the committee at the June 2020 meeting.

Cheryl Malden provided the list of award winners for 2021, the winners will receive their award on Sunday, June 27, 11:30 am via zoom before the ALA Presidents Program.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.
2021 ALA Recognition Award Winners

Marcia Rapchak -Beta Phi Mu Award is presented to a faculty member of a library school or an individual for distinguished service to education in librarianship. The award includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society.

Mark Treanor for A Quiet Cadence- W. Y. Boyd Literary Award is given to an author of a military novel that honors the service of American veterans during a time of war. The award includes $5,000 and a gold-framed citation, Donor: William Young Boyd II.

No Award Given- ALA Medal of Excellence (Formerly Melvil Dewey Medal) honors an individual or group for a recent creative professional achievement in library management, training, cataloging and classification or the tools and techniques of librarianship. The award includes $2,000, Dewey Medal and a gold-framed citation. Donor: OCLC/Forest Press, Inc.

Robert Barr- Ernest A. DiMattia Jr. Award for Innovation and Services to Community and Profession honors a public librarian who demonstrates leadership in anticipating emerging trends in services, products and technologies that will enhance the library’s position in its community. The award includes $5,000, and a gold-framed citation. Donor: The Family of Ernest A. DiMattia

Burlington County Library System- ALA/EBSCO Information Services Library Staff Development Award formerly H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant is awarded to a library organization for a program to further its staff development goals and objectives. The award includes $3,500 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: EBSCO Publishers.

No Awards Given- EBSCO Midwinter - ALA Conference Sponsorship provides 5 - $1,500 awards to help librarians attend ALA’s Midwinter Meeting. To apply for this award, applicants must submit an essay of no more than 250 words addressing a specific topic. Donor: EBSCO Information Services.

No Awards Given- EBSCO Annual - ALA Conference Sponsorship provides 7- $1,000 awards to help librarians attend ALA’s Annual Conference. To apply for this award, applicants must submit an essay of no more than 250 words addressing, “How will attending this ALA Conference contribute to your professional development?” Donor: EBSCO Information Services.

Joint Council of Librarians of Color - Equality Award honors an individual or group for an outstanding contribution that promotes equality in the library profession. The award includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Scarecrow Press, Inc., a member of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group

No Award Given - Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award recognizes and honors a librarian for investing time and talent to make a positive change in the profession of librarianship. The award includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Elizabeth Futas Memorial Fund. The biannual award application deadline is Feb. 1, 2022

Steven D. Yates-Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship honors an individual for contributing significantly to the public recognition and appreciation of librarianship through professional performance, teaching and/or writing. The award includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Dr. Ken Haycock
**Amy Dodson - Paul Howard Award for Courage** honors a librarian, library board, library group or individual for exhibiting unusual courage benefiting library programs or services. The award, given every two years, includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Paul Howard Memorial Fund. The biennial award application deadline is Feb. 1, 2023.

**Plano Public Library-ALA Information Today Library of the Future Award** honors a library, library consortium, group of librarians or support organization for innovative planning for, applications of or development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting. The award includes $1,500 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Information Today, Inc.

**Robert Newlen-Joseph W. Lippincott Award** is given to a librarian for distinguished service to the profession. To qualify, the librarian must display outstanding participation in professional library activities, notable published professional writing or other significant activities on behalf of the profession. The award includes $1,500 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Joseph W. Lippincott, III.

**Buffalo Erie County Public Library -Penguin Random House Library Award for Innovation** recognizes U.S. libraries and librarians who create lasting innovative community service programs that successfully inspire and connect with new readers. The award consists of a $10,000 cash prize. The award is open to public, school, and academic libraries. The $10,000 cash prize given to a library is sponsored by the Penguin Random House Foundation. In addition, four runner-up awards consisting of $1,000 in Penguin Random House books will be awarded to eligible libraries.

“I Talk Like a River,” written by Jordan Scott, illustrated by Sydney Smith, best young children title; “Show Me a Sign” by Ann Clare LeZotte, best middle grades title; “This is My Brain in Love” written by I.W. Gregorio, best teen title; All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything,” written by Annette Bay Pimentel, illustrated by Nabi H. Ali, and “Itzhak: A Boy Who Loved the Violin” written by Tracy Newman, illustrated by Abigail Halpin , young children honor titles; “Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!” written by Sarah Kapit and “When Stars are Scattered,” written by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Victoria Jamieson, color by Iman Geddy, middle grades honor titles. - **Schneider Family Book Awards** honor an author or illustrator for a book that encourages artistic expression of the disability experience for young children, middle school, and teens. One award will be given in each category. The book must portray some aspect of living with a disability or that of a friend or family member, whether the disability is physical, mental or emotional. Three recipients will each receive $5,000 and a plaque and three honor recipients receive a plaque. Donor: Dr. Katherine Schneider.

**Barbara Stripling - Scholastic Library Publishing Award** honors a librarian whose “unusual contribution” to the stimulation and guidance of children and young adult reading exemplifies outstanding achievement in the profession. The award includes $1,000 and a gold-framed citation. Donor: Scholastic Library Publishing.

**Janet Eldred-Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity** honors a librarian who has faced adversity with dignity and integrity intact. The award includes $10,000 and an odd symbolic object from Lemony Snicket’s private stash. Donor: Daniel Handler a.k.a. Lemony Snicket.

**Patricia Uttaro -Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children** honors an individual who has shown exceptional understanding and support of library service to children while having general management/supervisory/administrative responsibility that has included public library service to children in its scope. The recipient will receive a plaque and recognition artifact. Donor: Peggy Sullivan.
Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for the 2022 American Library Association (ALA) Recognition Awards and Grants. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for awards is February 1. For general information about these and other ALA awards, visit http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/