



Past MLA Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2024 – Holly Hibner, Plymouth District Library
- 2023 – Paul McCann, Dexter District Library
- 2022 – Amy Knepp, Oscoda County District Library
- 2021 – Peggy Kitchel, Grosse Pointe Public Library
- 2020 – Kevin King, Kalamazoo Public Library

Public Librarian of the Year Award

- 2024 – Rob Carpenter, Herrick District Library
- 2023 – Megan Buck, Dickinson County Library
- 2022 – Monica Peck, Boyne District Library
- 2021 – Teresa Kline, Fennville District Library
- 2020 – Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Libraries
- 2019 – Cathy Russ, Troy Public Library
- 2017 – Lance Werner, Kent District Library
- 2016 – Tammy Turgeon, Sterling Heights Public Library/Suburban Library Cooperative
- 2015 – Denise Hooks, Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
- 2014 – Kenneth B. Miller, Jr., Superior District Library
- 2013 – Larry Neal, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
- 2012 – Marcia Warner, Grand Rapids Public Library
- 2011 – Linda Masselink, Grand Valley State University
- 2010 – Martha Esch, Kent District Library
- 2009 – Ruth Dukelow, Michigan Library Consortium
- 2008 – Cliff Haka, Michigan State University Libraries
- 2007 – James Rancilio, Bullard Sanford Memorial
- 2006 – Bettina Meyer, Western Michigan University
- 2005 – Judi Stillion, Alpena County Library
- 2004 – Beverly D. Papai, Farmington Community Library
- 2003 – James Seidl, Woodlands Library Cooperative
- 2002 – Colleen Hyslop, Michigan State University
- 2001 – David Tate, Van Buren District Library
- 2000 – Roger Mendel, Mideastern Library Cooperative

Heart of a Champion Award

- 2024 – Julie Bernstein, Bridgman Public Library
- 2023 – James Bolton, Superior District Library - Pickford Community Library

2022 – Dr. Charles (Charlie) Mitchell, Brown City Library
2021 – Lyle Clark, Rawson Memorial Library
2020 – Susan Matthews, Friends of the Troy Public Library
2019 – Donna Adams, Forsyth Township Public Library
2018 – Congressman Sander Levin
2016 – John Schaeffer, Superior District Library/Superiorland Library Cooperative & Linda Lavey, Pinckney Community Library
2015 – Barbara Pallotta, Charter Township of Independence
2013 – Edward Albertson, Brandon Township Public Library
2012 – Representative Bill Rogers

Rising Star Award

2024 – Wren Davis, Macdonald Public Library
2023 – Georgina Broyles, MacDonald Public Library
2022 – Amanda Vorce, Capital Area District Libraries
2021 – Marissa Boisclair, Genesee District Library
2020 – Betty Adams, Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster
2019 – Danielle DiAmico, Bay County Library System

Up and Comer Award

2018 – Dillon Geshel, Portage Lake District Library
2014 – Andrea Estelle, Otsego District Library
2012 – Natalie Bazan, Hopkins District Library

Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth

2024 – Jill Ann Lansky, Kalamazoo Public Library
2023 – Nisa Kessler, Petoskey District Library
2022 – Kelly Altman, Presque Isle District Library
2021 – Sara Magnuson, Kent District Library
2020 – Stephanie Reinhardt, Bay County Library System
2018 – Brenda Patterson Harris
2016 – Patricia McClary
2014 – Anne Clark

Library Support Staff of the Year Award

2024 – Katie LeBlanc, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
2023 – Victoria Edwards, West Bloomfield Township Public Library
2022 – Jeff Milo, Ferndale Area District Library
2021 – Amy Beckman, Millington Arbela District Library
2020 – Jermaine Jackson, Kalamazoo Public Library

Intellection Freedom Award

2024 – Kent District Library
2023 – Caro Area District Library

Legislator of the Year Award

2024 – Representative Regina Weiss & Representative Angela Witwer

2023 – Senator Debbie Stabenow

2022 – Senator Jim Stamas and Senator Wayne Schmidt

2021 – Senator Wayne Schmidt

2020 - Senator Wayne Schmidt and Representative Andy Levin

2019 – Senator Paul Wojno

2018 – Senator Jim Stamas

2017 – Senator Jack Brandenburg, Representative Lee Chatfield, Senator Rick Jones, &
Senator Jim Stamas

2016 – Senator Jack Brandenburg

2015 – Senator Jack Brandenburg

2014 – Senator Jack Brandenburg

2013 – Senator Geoff Hansen & Representative Jim Stamas

Above and Beyond Award

2020 – Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan

President's Award for Service to MLA

Margaret Auer, University of Detroit Mercy