



# 2023 Awards

**MPLA Innovator Award:** To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group (s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community . **Adriane Herrick Juarez**

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award :**To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after being awarded a library/media degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. **Keno Catabay**

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. **M. K. Coker**

**Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award:** To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities. **Ellen Fockler**

**MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award:** To be given to an MPLA member who has consistently worked behind the scenes to create, administer, or support a library-related organization or project and who has not previously been recognized to the degree their work merits **Jake Rundle & Mary Soucie**

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award :** To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time **Stephen Sweeney**