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Awards Committee Report  
October 30, 2003

Kaite Mediatore, Chair  
Patricia Auflick (AZ-2003)  
Pamela Drayson (ND-2003)  
Leroy Gattin (KS-2003)  
Erin Kinney (WY-2004)  
Gene Nelson (UT-2004)

Committee Members: Leroy Gattin has agreed to Chair the Awards Committee for 2004.

Nominations: For 2003, the MPLA Awards Committee received 16 nominations for all eight awards. All categories but three had multiple nominees. Following is a list of the all the persons/agencies/organizations nominated.

- Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award-Stan Terry, Vice President & General Manager, EBSCO Mountain Plains Subscription Services
- Legislative Leadership Award-Natrona County (WY) Recreation Joint Powers Board
- Literary Contribution Award-James W. Hulse; Alan Kesselheim
- Distinguished Service Award-Honore Bray, Library Director, Hearst Free (MT) Library; Marilyn Hinshaw, Director, Eastern Oklahoma District Library System; Patricia Spencer, Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator; Lewis & Clark (MT) Library; Vicky York, Reference Librarian, Montana State University Libraries
- News Media Support Award-"Colorado Matters" Production Team, Denver, CO; KOAA Channel 5/30 Television, Colorado Springs, CO; Sonia Narang, Writer, The Voice, Littleton, CO.
- Beginning Professional Award-Kim Martin, Director, Bonner Springs (KS) Library; Julie Bartel, Associate Teen Librarian, Salt Lake City (UT) Public Library.
- Youth Services Award-Kathy Logan, Head of Children's Services, Public Library of Enid & Garfield County (OK); The Public Libraries Serving Sedgwick County, KS.
- Intellectual Freedom Award-Joyce Meskis, Owner, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO

Notification of all nominees was made to the MPLA Executive Board by email.

Awards: By mail, email and fax, the committee voted on award recipients. This year the Awards Committee is pleased to announce that awards will be given in all categories.

Recipients were notified by mail on September 22, 2003. The MPLA Executive Board was notified by mail and email on September 25, 2003.

2003 Award recipients are as follows:

- Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award-Stan Terry, Vice President & General Manager, EBSCO Mountain Plains Subscription Services
- Legislative Leadership Award-Natrona County (WY) Recreation Joint Powers Board
- Literary Contribution Award-Alan Kesselheim
- Distinguished Service Award-Marilyn Hinshaw, Director, Eastern Oklahoma District Library System
- News Media Support Award--KOAA Channel 5/30 Television, Colorado Springs, CO
- Beginning Professional Award-Julie Bartel, Associate Teen Librarian, Salt Lake City (UT) Public Library.
- Youth Services Award-The Public Libraries Serving Sedgwick County, KS
- Intellectual Freedom Award-Joyce Meskis, Owner, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO

All but two award recipients will be present at the banquet to accept awards. Alan Kesselheim and Joyce Meskis are unable to attend the award ceremony.

Publicity: Kaite Mediatore has sent all photos and a newsletter article to Lisa Jackson-Mecklenberg for the upcoming issue of the MPLA Newsletter.

Banquet: Kaite Mediatore has been in contact with Barbara Matthews and Holly Van Valkenburgh about the program for the banquet. Kaite forwarded all the necessary information to Holly Van Valkenburgh for the awards banquet program.

Kaite Mediatore and Jean Hatfield will be presenting the awards at the awards banquet in Incline Village, NV.