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Awards Committee

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Here is what we have worked on most recently.

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: To be given to the individual, organization, library 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.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

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. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award: To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

MPLA ~~Unsung Hero~~ Innovate Library Worker Award: ~~To be given to recognize an any library up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing special project that has some significance to a the library community, but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.~~

MPLA Outstand Student Award: Recognition of a graduate library school student who has excelled in his or her MLS/MLIS program, extracurricular activities and has exhibited a dedication to a future career in the library profession. Award nomination must be accompanied by a letter from the candidate explaining why the candidate has chosen to become an information professional and a letter of support from someone other than the nominator.

MPLA Passion for the Profession Award: Given to a library professional or paraprofessional who has exemplified substantial, dedicated service for a minimum of seven (7) years.

I just added this to make sure I have it clear and correct:

- All nominees must be members of MPLA at the time the nomination is made or join MPLA to be considered for the award.
 - Exceptions: Gaumer and Literary Contribution.
- Nominators need not be members of MPLA.
- All nominations must be received by August 1, 2012 but may be submitted anytime after the nomination form is approved (est. August 15, 2011).

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