ACRL’s 2003 Awards Program

Recognizing outstanding achievements in academic librarianship

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For more than three quarters of a century, ACRL has been committed to celebrating the achievements of deserving academic and research librarians through the presentation of awards, grants, and fellowships. Every year ACRL extends recognition and honor to the winners of its awards. With almost $30,000 donated by generous corporate sponsors annually, ACRL has and will continue to nominate, select, and honor the very best in academic librarianship.

Recognize a colleague’s achievements: nominate

ACRL members are an integral part of our successful awards program. Please consider those who have influenced your thinking and your growth as an academic librarian. We urge you to nominate colleagues whose work you admire, and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Your nominations will ensure that the pool of candidates for each award remains both competitive and distinguished.

Informational flyers, complete with submission procedures, past winners, criteria, and contact information, are available through the ACRL office. Flyers can also be found by visiting the ACRL Web site at http://www.ala.org/acrl.award2.html. December 6, 2002, is the deadline for most of the awards to be presented in 2003. A brief description of each award is listed below.

Achievement and distinguished service awards

- Excellence in Academic Libraries Award (sponsored by Blackwell’s Book Services): $3,000 cash award for three awards; one in each type-of-library category. Recognizes academic libraries that are outstanding in furthering the educational missions of their institutions.

- Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award (sponsored by Yankee Book Peddler): $3,000 cash award. Recognizes an outstanding member of the academic or research library profession.

- Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award (sponsored by ACRL, ALCTS, LAMA, and LITA): $2,000 cash award. Recognizes outstanding achievements (including risk-taking) in the areas of library automation, management, or development and research.

- Marta Lange/CQ Award (sponsored by Congressional Quarterly, Inc.): $1,000 cash award. Recognizes a librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science.

- Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award (sponsored by Elsevier Science, Ltd.): $1,000 cash award. Recognizes an individual librarian for significant contributions to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment.

- Instruction Section Innovation in Instruction Award (sponsored by Congres-
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organizations and various Web resources. Access: http://www.amfoundation.org/.


Research awards/grants

- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (sponsored by Institute for Scientific Information): $1,500 cash to assist doctoral students in the field with their dissertation research.
- Samuel Lazerow Fellowship (sponsored by Institute for Scientific Information): $1,000 cash for travel and writing in the fields of acquisition or technical services.
- Coutts Nijhoff West European Specialist Study Grant (sponsored by Coutts Nijhoff International): Grant that supports research pertaining to Western European studies, librarianship, or the book trade.

Publication awards

- Katherine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab Exhibition Catalogue Awards (sponsored by Katherine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab, American Book Prices Current): Recognizes outstanding catalogues published by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with library exhibitions.
- K. G. Saur Award for Best Article in College & Research Libraries (sponsored by R. R. Bowker/K. G. Saur): $500 cash award for the most outstanding article published in C&RL during the preceding volume year.
- Instruction Section Publication of the Year Award. Recognizes an outstanding publication related to instruction in a library environment published in the last two years.
- The Oberly Award. This biennial award is given in odd-numbered years for the best English-language bibliography in the field of agriculture or a related science.

Contact ACRL for details

If you would like more information about the ACRL 2003 Awards Program, visit our Web page at http://www.ala.org/acrl.award2.html or contact ACRL Program Coordinator Stephanie Sherrod at (800) 545-2433 ext. 2515, e-mail: ssherrod@ala.org.

We welcome your nominations and look forward to celebrating achievements in academic librarianship in 2003.