

2022 Outstanding Library Advocate

Award Nomination

Name of nominee:

Name and contact information of the nominator:

The Outstanding Library Advocate Award is new for 2022. We want an award that recognizes contributions to our profession from people adjacent to it. For example, there may be a town councilor, school administrator, or legislator who fought extra hard to raise the library's budget; a donor who bequeaths a building or a significant collection of materials; or a volunteer whose commitment inspired everyone for years. An Outstanding Advocate could also be a journalist who has told our stories to the public, or it could be an activist who works to preserve intellectual freedom. This is a chance for MLA to thank one of the various members of our community who believe in the mission of libraries, whose ideals are aligned with ours, and whose efforts sustain us.

Nominators, please submit a brief statement (roughly 400-800 words) explaining who you are nominating for this award and why. How did this person or organization support or contribute to your library, the library profession, or the principles for which we stand? Gather any testimonials that support the nomination. Submit the nomination materials, preferably combined into one PDF document, to the Chair of the MLA Communications Committee at communications@mainelibraries.org. The whole Communications Committee will determine the winner of this award based on these materials.

The nomination deadline is April 29, 2022, 5:00 pm. Nominations should be sent electronically to Jeff Eastman, MLA Communications Chair, at communications@mainelibraries.org.

The selected recipient will be presented the award at the <u>upcoming MLA conference</u> to be held in person May 22-24, 2022, at Sunday River in Newry.