



Awards & Honors Recipients

1895-2023

Award Recipients *PAST AND PRESENT*

Hall of Fame Librarian

- 1970 - Carl Vitz
- 1971 - Harriet Long
- 1972 - Mildred Sandoe
- 1973 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera
- 1974 - Rose L. Vormelker
- 1975 - Margaret Kaltenbach
- 1976 - Ruth Hess
- 1977 - Dorothy I. Strouse
- 1978 - Walter Brahm,
Margaret S. Skiff
- 1979 - Helen M. Focke
- 1980 - William Chait
- 1981 - Paul H. Bixler
- 1982 - Dr. Lewis C. Branscomb
- 1983 - Charlotte Leonard
- 1985 - Erwin J. Gaines
- 1986 - A. Chapman Parsons
- 1988 - Robert F. Cayton
- 1989 - John H. Rebenack
- 1990 - Frederick G. Kilgour
- 1991 - Joseph F. Shubert
- 1992 - Hannah McCauley
- 1993 - Ardath Danford
- 1994 - R. Russell Munn
- 1995 - Rachel Wayne Nelson
- 1996 - Greg Byerly,
Patricia H. Latshaw
- 1998 - John N. Storck
- 1999 - Marilyn Gell Mason,
Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee
- 2000 - John S. Wallach
- 2001 - Jeffrey A. French
- 2003 - Holly Carroll
- 2004 - Joseph C. Palmer
- 2005 - Richard Rubin
- 2007 - Martha Gardin
- 2009 - Kathy East
- 2011 - Meribah Mansfield
- 2013 - Celia Huffman
- 2014 - Don W. Barlow
- 2015 - Deborah F. O'Connor
- 2016 - Clyde S. Scoles
- 2017 - Kimber L. Fender
- 2018 - Missy Lodge
- 2019 - Alan Hall
- 2021 - Tim Kambitsch
- 2022 - George Needham
- 2023 - Jeff Yahraus

Notable Ohio Hall of Fame Librarians

Elected in 1975

William H. Brett, 1846-1918
Electra C. Doren, 1861-1927
Linda A. Eastman, 1867-1963
James C. Foutts, 1907-1964
Charles B. Galbreath, 1858-1934
Thirza E. Grant, 1886-1970
Chalmers Hadley, 1872-1958
Herbert S. Hirshberg, 1879-1955
Julia Wright Merrill, 1881-1961
Paul A. T. Noon, 1905-1971
Azariah S. Root, 1862-1927
Burton E. Stevenson, 1872-1962
Alice S. Tyler, 1859-1944
Joseph L. Wheeler, 1884-1970

Elected in 1980

George J. Blazier, 1886-1970
Marilla W. Freeman, 1871-1961
Nathaniel Hodges, 1852-1927
Olive Branch Jones, 1863-1933
Effie L. Power, 1873-1969
Paul North Rice, 1888-1967

Elected in 1985

Florence Craig, 1901-1980
Annie S. Cutter, 1877-1957
Raymond Embree, 1905-1968
William J Hamilton, 1884-1974
Hannah S. Hunt, 1903-1973

Elected in 1985 *(continued)*

Earl N. Manchester, 1881-1954

Gilbert W. Ward, 1880-1944

Amy Winslow, 1890-1980

Elected in 1990

Hugh C. Atkinson, 1933-1986
Ernest I. Miller, 1907-1972
L. Quincy Mumford, 1903-1982
Elnora M. Portteus, 1920-1983
A. Robert Rogers, 1927-1985

Hall of Fame Trustee

1970 - Elsie Bennett Wilson
1971 - James J. Weadock. Jr.
1972 - George W. Coen
1976 - Jean M. Coleman
1977 - Arthur W. Marr
1980 - Brooks W. MacCracken
1983 - Emelyne Ely Reed
1989 - Frank W. Steere. Jr.
1992 - Robert Jenkins
1993 - Dennis G. Fedor
1994 - Mary Obenour
1995 - Morton M. Thomas
1996 - Pauline Bennett
1997 - H. Baird Tenney
2001 - Terry L. Casey

Librarian of the Year Award Recipients

- 1959 - Walter Brahm
1963 - Helen K. Sunnafrank
1964 - Dorothy Strouse
1965 - R. Russell Munn
1967 - Raymond Embree
1968 - Mary Zimmerman
1969 - Dr. Jesse H. Shera
1970 - Clara E. Lucioli,
Ernest I. Miller
1972 - Elnora M. Portteus
1973 - Frederick G. Kilgour
1974 - Lewis C. Naylor
1975 - William Chait
1976 - Dr. A. Robert Rogers
1977 - Doris Wood
1978 - H. Paul Schrank
1979 - John H. Rebenack
1980 - Hannah McCauley
1981 - Doris Jyurovat
1982 - Kathy East, Ervin I. Gaines
1983 - Robert H. Donahugh
1984 - Maryann Sadlier
1985 - Ardath Danford
1986 - Jeanne Dykins
1987 - Hwa-Wei Lee
1988 - Nancy Wareham
1989 - Alan Hall
1990 - Floyd C. Dickman,
Phyllis Gallo
1991 - Gregory L. Reese
1992 - Philip Koons
1993 - Wallace White
1994 - John J. Philip
1995 - James F. Bouchard,
Millie Covey Fry
1996 - John S. Wallach
1997 - Anthony G. Yankus
1998 - Stephen D. Wood
1999 - Judith Ellen Riggle
2000 - John W.P. Storck
2001 - John A. Lonsak,
Andrew A. Venable, Jr.
2003 - Meribah Mansfield
2004 - Patricia Hillmer
2005 - Margaret C. Danziger
2007 - Nancy J. Kelley
2009 - Kimber L. Fender
2011 - Donna L. Perdzock
2014 - Mary Jane Santos
2015 - Heidi Daniel
2017 - Debbie L. Saunders
2018 - Andrea C. Legg
2019 - Jeff Winkle
2021 - James Hill
2022 - Kacie V. Armstrong
2023 - Sandi Thompson

Trustee of the Year Recipients

- 1942 - Elsie Bennett Wilson,
James J. Weadock, Jr.
- 1945 - Mrs. Max Hellman,
Mrs. R.P. Parkhurst
- 1946 - Bertha Trebein Flynn,
H.M. Jacobs
- 1947 - A. E. Gower, J.E. Argetsinger
- 1948 - E. A. McCuskey,
Jessie J. Smith
- 1950 - Rebecca F. Gayton,
Ella G. Lupton, MD
- 1951 - Arthur W. Fiske,
Fred M. Fuller
- 1952 - Mrs. Agnes Hirsch,
J. S. Masson
- 1953 - Robert J. Brown,
Mrs. Karl B. Hoke
- 1954 - Mrs. Leonard Church
- 1956 - Clyde C. Henderson,
George Wiseman, MD
- 1957 - H. William Lilley
- 1958 - Aubrey Billings,
Ethel G. Swanbeck,
Dr. Walter A. Zaugg
- 1959 - Ina Warner Broeman,
Jacob A. Meckstroth,
George W. Murdock
- 1961 - William F. Maag
- 1962 - Bernice A. Warner
- 1963 - George W. Coen
- 1965 - Mrs. Dorothy Smucker
- 1966 - Joseph E. Hurst
- 1967 - Mrs. George Harding III,
Clarence D. Steffy
- 1968 - Mrs. Leland Spore
- 1969 - Arthur W. Marr
- 1970 - Charles E. Blakeslee
- 1971 - Mrs. Jean Coleman
- 1972 - Thomas H. Anderson
- 1973 - Raymond R. Brown
- 1974 - Emelyne Ely Reed
- 1975 - Brooks W. MacCracken
- 1976 - Lee C. Howley, Jr.
- 1977 - Florence Gault
- 1978 - Guion Osborn
- 1979 - L. Eugene Byers, DVM
- 1980 - Raymond Gaier
- 1981 - John T. Nolan, Jr.
- 1982 - Mrs. Avis Cullen
- 1984 - Dennis G. Fedor
- 1985 - James B. Stubbins
- 1986 - Easter Straker
- 1988 - Alice Wilson
- 1989 - Bonnie J. Cordell
- 1990 - Ralph L. Moore
- 1991 - Richard Danford
- 1992 - James R. Kimmel
- 1993 - Dr. William D. Baker
- 1994 - Robert F. Sullivan
- 1995 - David C. Miller
- 1996 - JoAnn Vance
- 1997 - Amos J. Loveday
- 1998 - Ian Haberman
- 1999 - Harold V. Felton
- 2001 - Harold B. Cooper

Trustee Award of Achievement Recipients

- 1976 - Troy-Miami County Public Library
- 1977 - Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County
- 1978 - Summit County Trustee Council
- 1979 - Minerva Public Library
- 1980 - Fairfield County District Library
- 1981 - East Cleveland Public Library
- 1982 - Loudonville Public LibraryLibrary
- 1983 - Burton Public Library
- 1984 - Lorain Public Library
- 1985 - Community Public Library, St. Marys
- 1986 - Geauga County Public Library
- 1987 - Flesh Public Library
- 1988 - Portage County District Library
- 1990 - Washington County Public Library
- 1991 - Pickaway County District Library
- 1992 - Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County Library
- 1993 - Clermont County Public Library
- 1994 - Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library

Trustee/Board of Trustees Award of Achievement

- 2003 - Queen Lester
- 2004 - Charlotte Kessler
- 2005 - Doris Lawler
- 2007 - Patricia T. Holter
- 2009 - Gregory Clifford, Esq.
Louis Dudek
- 2011 - William J. Moran
- 2013 - William Shkurti
- 2014 - Bob Plantz
- 2015 - Kathleen Hickey Green
- 2016 - Benjamin Chinni
- 2017 - Thomas R. Uhler
- 2018 - Michael W. Kilbourne
- 2019 - Barbara Denison
- 2021 - Dr. Garalynn Tomas
- 2022 - Robert Jenkins

Local Library Champion Award

2023 - Marilyn Donahue, Licking County Library

John Philip Outreach Award Recipients

1995 - John Philip

1996 - Cheryl Kreiner

1997 - Jean Roberts

1998 - Elizabeth "Betsy" Fried

1999 - June Huss

2000 - Julianne Matasich

2001 - Mercier Robinson

2003 - Abigail Noland

2004 - Deborah Dubois

2005 - Deborah DiGennaro

2007 - Carol Ann Carmack

2009 - Anne Juhasz

2011 - Kris Netzel

2013 - Elizabeth Hatton Zuelke

2014 - Ann Plazek

2015 - Tammy Long

2016 - Delaware County District Library, Community &
Family Outreach Services Department

2017 - Cathy E. Hunter

2018 - Linda Toohey

2019 - Stephanie Brown and Brittany Labinger

2021 - David Siders

Citizen of the Year Award Recipients

- 1993 - Thomas Dennis, Mark Powell
- 1994 - Robert H. Russell. Sr.
- 1995 - Maynard Sauder
- 1996 - Joan Bennett
- 1998 - Dr. Thomas W. Flechtner
- 2003 - Marah Walker
- 2004 - Kathy Catazaro-Perry
- 2007 - Sibongile (Bongi) Sithe
- 2009 - Regina Brett
- 2014 - Bill Morris
- 2015 - Jonathan D. Iten
- 2017 - Stephen A. Hedges
- 2018 - Ryan D. Burgess
- 2019 - Douglas S. Evans
- 2021 - Terry Fouts
- 2022 - Benjamin Anderson, Mark Hamlin
- 2023 - Peter Voderberg and the BroadbandOhio Team

A. Chapman Parsons Award Recipients

- 1998 - John S. Wallach
Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library
- 1999 - Amos Loveday, Former Trustee
Worthington Public Library
- 2000 - Larry Black
Columbus Metropolitan Library
- 2001 - Frances Black
Southwest Public Libraries
- 2002 - George W.S. Hays
Salem Public Library
- 2003 - Holly Carroll
Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library
- 2017 - Kimber L. Fender
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Andrew Carnegie Award Recipients

- 1995 - Vern Riffe, House Speaker
- 1995 - Stan Aronoff, Senate President
- 1996 - Richard Finan, Senator (7)
- 1997 - George Voinovich, Governor
- 1998 - Priscilla Mead, Representative (28)
- 1999 - Roy Ray, Senator (27)
- 2001 - Randy Gardner, Senator (18)
- 2002 - Larry Householder, House Speaker
- 2003 - Mark Mallory, Senator (9)
- 2005 - John Carey, Senator (17)
- 2013 - Bill Beagle, Senator (5)
- 2017 - Ryan Smith, Representative (93)
- 2017 - Ryan Smith, Representative (93)
- 2020 - Larry Obhof, Senate President
- 2022 - Jay Hottinger, Senate President
- 2023 - Matt Dolan, Senator (24)

Supportive Staff Member of the Year Recipients

- 1976 - Jessie Hall
- 1977 - Elsetta Ervin
- 1979 - Ward Murray
- 1980 - Pauline Wrocklage
- 1981 - Jean Dolan
- 1982 - John Edward Soutl
- 1984 - Alice Nodes
- 1985 - Doris Plaine
- 1986 - Alice Bakies, Jessie Don Butcher
- 1987 - Joanne Guitteau
- 1989 - Patricia L. Ray

1990 - Manuel Fonseca
1991 - Gretchen Cunningham
1992 - Marguerite Crist Calvin
1993 - Minnie Waters Mackenzie
1994 - Michael Pope
1995 - Robert L. Simon
1996 - Jeffrey A. Yahraus
1997 - Jennifer Bull
1998 - Betty Spyker
1999 - Lori Schrader
2000 - Eva Greenberg
2001 - Terri Frederick
2003 - Paula Banks
2004 - Judith Scaife
2005 - Helen Wilson
2007 - Martha E. Hamilton
2009 - Steve Prater
2011 - Rebecca J. Carroll
2012-13 - Margaret Clarke Simon
2015 - Mary S. Baker
2016 - Martin J. Flynn

Service Excellence Award Recipients

2017 - Michael Christian-Budd
2018 - Lynn Mercer
2019 - Grace Walker
2021 - Doug Stout
2022 - Laura Rosero
2023 - Wendy Tressler

Diana Vescelius Memorial Award Recipients

- 1972 - Jacqueline Johns
- 1973 - Terry McLaughlin
- 1974 - Judith K. Mowery
- 1975 - Daniel S. Suvak
- 1976 - Elfreda Chatman
- 1977 - Barbara Newmark
- 1978 - Carmen Z. Celigoj
- 1979 - Cheryl Albrecht
- 1980 - Ellen Bell
- 1981 - Julie Steinbrenner Brooks
- 1982 - Walt Lessun
- 1983 - Louise Hamel
- 1984 - Susan Barrick
- 1988 - Sue McCleaf-Nespeca
- 1989 - Carolyn Morgan Burrier
- 1990 - Molly Carver
- 1992 - Beverly Cain
- 1993 - C. Allen Nichols
- 1995 - Karen Laird
- 1998 - Thomas S. Adkins, Tracy S. Ruhaak
- 1999 - Maureen Lerch
- 2001 - Ben Rule
- 2003 - Sandi Thompson
- 2004 - Jessica Crim-Weithman
- 2005 - William Kelly
- 2009 - Sarah (Pillivant) Amazing
- 2011 - Sam Bloom
- 2014 - Shayna Muckerheide
- 2015 - Evan Struble
- 2016 - Sarah R. Clevidence

Diana Vescelius Emerging Leader Award

- 2018 - Amanda Marquart
- 2019 - Pamela Brockway
- 2021 - Sondra Presley
- 2022 - Taryn Mirabello

Library Innovation Award Recipients

- 2004 - Cuyahoga County Public Library,
Maple Heights Regional Branch
"Homework Yes!" Youth Experiencing Success Program
- 2007- Training Team of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
- 2009 - Partnership between Elyria Public Library and Lorain County
Community College in the Barbara and Mike Bass Library/
Community Resource Center
- 2011 - Wadsworth Public Library
Lending Laptops for Home Use
- 2013 - Consortium of Ohio Libraries (COOL)
- 2014 - Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
Book Bike Outreach Program
- 2015 - Sandusky Library
Internet and Roku Lending Programs
- 2016 - Stark County District Library
BikeSmart Program
- 2017 - Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
"We Have the Hots for You" Services
- 2018 - Medina County District Library
GED Testing Center
- 2019 - Andrea Francis, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
The Grandparent Project
- 2021 - All Ohio Public Libraries and Library Staff
For their innovative programs and services, remarkable
resiliency and unwavering dedication to serving their
communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2022 - West End Stories Project Podcast, Cincinnati and Hamilton
County Public Library
- 2023 - "The Essentials" Employee Orientation Program,
Geauga County Public Library Branch Managers

Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award Recipients

- 1987 - Friends of the North Canton Public Library,
Friends of the Sylvania Branch
(Toledo-Lucas County Public Library)
- 1988 - Friends of Kirtland Public Library
- 1989 - Friends of Herrick Memorial Library,
Friends of Middletown Public Library
- 1990 - Friends of Beachwood Library, Friends of West Union Branch
(Ohio Valley District Free Library)
- 1991 - Friends of Lakewood Public Library,
Friends of Columbiana Public Library
- 1992 - Friends of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library,
Friends of Findlay-Hancock County Public Library,
Friends of Portage Lakes Branch
(Akron-Summit County Public Library)
- 1993 - Friends of Muskingum County Library System,
Friends of Geauga West Branch
(Gauga County Public Library), Friends of Chardon Branch
(Gauga County Public Library),
Friends of Tipp City Public Library
- 1994 - Friends of Cleveland Public Library,
Friends of Stark County Public Library,
Friends of Worthington Public Library,
Friends of Pickerington Public Library,
Friends of Columbia Branch (Lorain Public Library)
- 1995 - Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library,
Friends of Porter Public Library
- 1996 - Friends of South Branch (Muskingum County Public Library)
- 1997 - Friends of Avon Branch (Lorain Public Library),
Friends of Stryker Branch
(Williams County Public Library)
- 1998 - Friends of Milton-Union Public Library,
Friends of Scio Branch (Puskarich Public Library),
Friends of Lorain Public Library,
Friends of Avon Lake Public Library

Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award

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- 1999 - Friends of Elyria Public Library
 - 2000 - Friends of Main Library (Akron-Summit County Public Library)
 - 2001 - Friends of the Avon Library, Friends of the Brecksville Library
(Cuyahoga County Public Library),
Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Library
 - 2003 - Friends of the Pickerington Public Library
 - 2004 - Friends of the Burton Public Library
 - 2005 - Friends of the Athens Public Library
 - 2007 - Friends of Tuscarawas County Public Library
 - 2009 - Friends of Shaker Library
 - 2011 - Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library,
Friends of the Loudonville Public Library
 - 2012-13 - Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati
and Hamilton County
 - 2014 - Lake Community Friends of the Library,
Stark County District Library
 - 2015 - Friends of the Cooper Community Library,
Paulding County Carnegie Library System
 - 2016 - Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library
 - 2018 - Friends of the Delaware County District Library
 - 2021 - Friends of Medina County District Library
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