

Call for Nominations: SFY 2011 NETLS Awards

The NETLS Awards Committee is accepting nominations in the following categories for the 2011 NETLS Awards. Nominations should explain how the nominee meets or exceeds the criteria for the awards. Nominations **must** be submitted online at www.netls.org (under 2011 NETLS Awards) no later than **9:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011.**

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – In celebration of significant contributions to the promotion of library services in the local community or beyond, this award is conferred to recognize activities including, but not limited to: fundraising; direct personal or corporate philanthropy to libraries; public relations; speaking on behalf of libraries and library service; promoting the welfare of libraries through outstanding service on advisory or administrative boards; active participation in NETLS.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR and LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR – In recognition of superior achievement and outstanding leadership in one or more of the fields of library endeavor, these awards are conferred on a library staff member and a director who has accomplished activities similar, but not limited to: planning and implementing significant library service improvements; securing extraordinary increases in funding or staff; improving the image of libraries and library service in the community or beyond or, exhibiting extraordinary personal achievement and talent.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR – This award is given in recognition of an exemplary record of library support while serving in a county commissioner's court, city council, state or federal legislature, or while serving in city or county position including boards and commissions, and administration.

LIBRARY PROJECT OF THE YEAR – This award is given in recognition of the project that exemplifies the highest level of achievement, professional standards and inspiration to other libraries. Any library project in operation in the previous calendar year may be recommended for this award. Entries will be judged on the extent to which a library has improved its service by the project described. Additional criteria may include breadth, vision, creativity or uniqueness of the project. **(Please see Note below)**

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – This award is given in recognition of exemplary volunteer efforts by a private citizen who has donated significant time and/or effort to help the library achieve its goals. Nominations will be judged on the quality of the time contributed although quantity may prove to be a factor when judging is close. Other criteria will include the significance of the volunteer's role in the activities for which he or she is nominated. It may also include less significant or flamboyant service which has ranged over a long period of time. **(Please see Note below)**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – In recognition of having had a lasting impact on libraries, this award is given to honor 10 or more years of exemplary library service which demonstrates a sustained pattern of growth in understanding and responsibility as a **library employee.**

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP AWARD – This award is given in recognition of a synergistic team effort or partnership that has resulted in wider recognition and better understanding of libraries in today's world. Honorees, recognized together with their library staff, may include, but are not limited to, Friends groups, officials of governing bodies, library boards, media representatives and businesses.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Awards Committee has chosen to have 4 categories to better honor Library Projects and Library Volunteers serving libraries of all sizes. They are:*

- 1) *Libraries serving fewer than 6,000;*
- 2) *Libraries serving between 6,000 and 14,999;*
- 3) *Libraries serving between 15,000 and 39,999; and*
- 4) *Libraries serving 40,000 and over*