

Outstanding Friends Group Award

The Outstanding Friends Group Award recognizes a South Carolina library Friends group whose contributions to the support and advancement of their library has been outstanding. The award is intended to recognize a broad spectrum of appropriate qualities and activities including:

- Significant contribution to advocacy efforts on behalf of their library;
- Substantial contribution to the development of their library;
- Creative and innovative marketing material or fundraising activities;
- Partnerships with community leaders and organizations

Outstanding Individual Award

The Outstanding Individual Award recognizes an individual whose contributions to the support and advancement of public libraries has been outstanding. Nominees do not need to be South Carolina residents, but a connection with South Carolina public libraries is required. Nominees may include, but are not limited to, volunteers, library trustees, government officials or legislators, school and university personnel, Friends of Libraries members, and philanthropists. The award is intended to recognize a broad spectrum of appropriate personal qualities and activities including:

- Activities that support and advance the mission of South Carolina public libraries;
- Lifelong use and devotion to public libraries;
- Evident appreciation and support of the mission of public libraries;
- Leadership role in service on behalf of public libraries

John Landrum Advocacy Award

The John Landrum Advocacy Award recognizes individuals whose advocacy, support, and encouragement have been critical in recognition of the value of library services and ensuring that South Carolina's public libraries remain prominent and vibrant institutions. Nominees may include, but are not limited to, volunteers, library staff, library trustees, government officials or legislators, school and university personnel, Friends of Libraries members, and philanthropists. The award is intended to recognize a broad spectrum of advocacy activities, including:

- Activities that increase public awareness of the value of S.C. public libraries;
- Activities that contribute to legislation favorable to S.C. public libraries;
- Activities that contribute to improvements in the funding and resources that further S.C. public library service.

Public Library Employee Excellence Award

The Public Library Employee Excellence Award recognizes public library personnel who are critical to library services and without whom South Carolina's public libraries would be substantially diminished. Two awards may be given annually. Only current public library employees are eligible nominees. The award recognizes excellence in job performance as it relates to one of the following criteria:

- Exemplary performance both in the employee's own responsibilities as well as service beyond assigned duties.
- Established record of significant achievement sustained over a period of time.

- Continuous leadership in the conduct or improvement of library programs, services or operations.
- Contributing to positive patron relations by offering helpful and friendly assistance, which can serve as a model for other employees.
- Innovative and/or creative ideas that have improved the efficiency and/or effectiveness of a library unit or service. Ideas that might contribute to the resolution of a difficult problem or a method, which would improve department output or quality of work.

Outstanding Public Official Award

The Friends of South Carolina Libraries' Outstanding Public Official Award recognizes outstanding South Carolina public officials who have been honored by a local Friends' board. Local Friends' Boards may nominate for consideration by FOSCL those individuals whose advocacy, support, and encouragement have been critical to the success of their own local library services.

Criteria: The nomination must be submitted/endorsed by the Board of the local friends group and by the Director of the Library to which the group is affiliated. Nominees must hold a position in South Carolina at any government level. The local Friends of the Library organization must have recognized the nominee for outstanding support. The local Friends group must be a member of Friends of South Carolina Libraries. This award is intended to recognize a broad spectrum of advocacy activities, including:

- Activities that increase public awareness of the value of South Carolina's public libraries;

- Activities that contribute to legislation favorable to South Carolina's public libraries;
- Activities that contribute to improvements in the funding and resources that further South Carolina's public library services.

Current members of Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) may submit nominations.

Guidelines: The nomination must include name of the nominee, the name of the award and the name and address of the individual or Friends group submitting the nomination and contact information including address, phone number and email. The letter may be no longer than one 8½" by 11" page and signed by the individual or group submitting the nomination.

FOSCL Board Members are not eligible for nomination.

No supplementary material is required and, if sent, will not be returned.

Nominations may be sent as email attachments to fosclpresident@gmail.com, or they may be mailed to FOSCL Awards, P.O. Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211.



Annual Awards

The FOSCL Awards Program recognizes individuals and/or groups who provide critical help and support as South Carolina public libraries work to enrich the lives of all South Carolinians. Public libraries provide information to help our patrons make critical day-to-day life decisions, to lead young people into the adventures of reading, to create an eagerness to learn new technologies, to enrich our understanding of our history, to help chart our future, to provide materials that lift our spirits and help us to better manage the daily challenges of life. FOSCL is proud to highlight this important work through our Awards Program.

Deadline for Nominations

February 14th