

Wyoming Library Association
Awards and Grants Committee, Annual Report
September 2015

Committee Members

Megan Herold, Technical Services, Johnson County Library (2015)
Chris Van Burgh, Outreach Librarian, Wyoming State Library (2015)
Nancy Venable, Library Manager, Rock Springs Library (2015)
Michelle Havenga, Children's Librarian, Sheridan County Library (2016)
Marianne Robinson, Fremont County Library (2016)

Activities and Accomplishments

The Awards and Grants Committee met monthly this year starting in the spring via teleconference. All meeting agendas and notes are on the committee's wiki. We tried to send regular emails to remind and encourage people about recognizing their co-workers.

Changes to Awards

No changes were made to the awards this year.

Awards Nominations & Presentation

Once again we chose to get the award plaques made by Westwood High School in Gillette, Wyoming, and continue to be pleased with both the quality and economy of their work. All 6 of the awards were presented at the Awards Banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 24.

We had a total of 10 nominations for 6 awards. Four, the Andy Fisher Technology Award, Georgia Shovlain, Media Award, and the Nora Van Burgh, received no nominations.

For Libraries

Andy Fisher Technology Award – No nominations
Georgia Shovlain Special Project Award – No nominations
Milstead Award – Learning Resource Center & Shannon Smith

For Librarians

Distinguished Service Award – Bill Van Arsdale, University of Wyoming Libraries
Unsung Heroine Award – Vicki Wallace, Big Horn County Library
Librarian of the Year – Claire Francis, Uinta County Library

For Others

Trustee Volunteer Award – Bonnie Cohee, Campbell County Library
Community Supporter Award – Representative Tim Stubson
Media Award – No nominations

Nora Van Burgh Development Grant

No submissions

We worked with Mary Ann Thompson, the MPLA awards committee chair, to include their 6 award presentations in the awards banquet.

Moving Forward –Thoughts and Recommendations

Our committee worked very well this year.

After our final meeting for the year in October, 2015, we will select a new chair and deal with any potential vacancies on the committee.

Submitted by Megan Herold, September 26, 2015

**** Added notes for the committee ****

- Typically 20 tables at the banquet, 8 people per table, about 160 people
 - WLA Casper 2014 – 10 per table, 16 tables
- Be sure to plan award hand-off prior to actual ceremony so that is smooth and elegant
- Set up tables 45 minutes prior to reception
- Coordinate with Richard Landreth, Westwood High School in Gillette, Wyoming, for Award Plaques
- Libraries have been very generous donating printing facilities for our programs used at the banquets

2015 Awards Budget

<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>			<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Awards Banquet Meals			
Trustee	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$68.00
Milstead	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$68.00
Librarian of the Year	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$68.00
Unsung Heroine	\$34.00		\$34.00
Distinguished Service	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$68.00
Community Supporter	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$68.00
			\$374.00
Other Costs			
Award plaques (7)	\$10.00		\$70.00
Entertainment			\$120.00
Door prizes - Amazon gift certificates (2)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous			\$0.00
<u>TOTAL COST**</u>			<u>\$664.00</u>
Remaining			\$336.00

** Cost of printing programs and paper used donated by Fremont County Library