



**Friends of South Carolina Libraries
Annual Awards 2010
Nomination Process**

Any current FOSCL member (2009 or 2010 paid membership) may submit nominations in the form of a letter, addressed to Friends of South Carolina Libraries, describing the nominee's contributions activities as they meet the criteria for the particular award for which the nomination is being made.

The winner of a FOSCL Award for 2010 will receive a token of appreciation and a citation of achievement. The individual's contributions and activities will be recognized at the Friends of South Carolina Libraries' (FOSCL) Annual Meeting, April 17, 2010.

Nomination Guidelines: The nomination letter may be no longer than one 8 1/2 x 11 page, and must be signed by the Friends' group president and any co-nominators. If the nominee is a library employee, the Library Director's signature must also appear on the letter. No supplementary material is required; if sent, such material will not be returned.

Deadline for receipt of nomination letters: Friday April 2, 2010.

Complete the following information, detach and return with the nomination letter.

Print and mail to: FOSCL Awards, P.O. Box 11121, Columbia, S.C. 29211. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt. Faxed or emailed nominations will not be accepted.

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Name of Nominee: _____

Library Affiliation: _____

Contact information for person(s) submitting the nomination:

Name _____

Additional Names _____

Contact Address _____

Contact Phone () _____

Email Address _____

Group/Library Affiliation _____

FRIENDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES 2010 AWARDS

The Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) presents three annual awards recognizing outstanding effort and achievement of individuals on behalf of libraries in South Carolina. Three awards, described below, are available. Please refer to the "Nomination Guidelines" for instructions for submitting a nomination.

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Purpose of this award: South Carolina public libraries enrich the lives of all South Carolinians. They provide information that helps people make critical and day-to-day decisions. They lead young people to the joy of reading and the excitement of using new technologies. They enrich our understanding of our history and help us chart our future. The Outstanding Individual Award recognizes an individual whose contributions to the support and advancement of public libraries have been outstanding.

Criteria: 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. Nominees do not need to be South Carolina residents, but a connection with South Carolina public libraries is preferred. 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 of 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

Purpose of this award: South Carolina public libraries enrich the lives of all South Carolinians. They provide information that helps people make critical and day-to-day decisions. They lead young people to the joy of reading and the excitement of using new technologies. They enrich our understanding of our history and help us chart our future. The John Landrum Advocacy Award recognizes individuals whose advocacy, support, and encouragement have been critical to recognition of the value of library services and ensuring that South Carolina's public libraries remain prominent and vibrant institutions.

Criteria: 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 services.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Purpose of this award: South Carolina public libraries enrich the lives of all South Carolinians. They provide information that helps people make critical and day-to-day decisions. They lead young people to the joy of reading and the excitement of using new technologies. They enrich our understanding of our history and help us chart our future. They provide materials that lift our spirits and help us understand the difficulties that we encounter. This award is intended to recognize the public library personnel who are critical to these accomplishments and without whom South Carolina's public libraries would be substantially diminished.

Two awards may be given annually.

Criteria: The primary standard for consideration for this award is excellence in job performance as it relates to one of the following criteria.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.