



## Award of Excellence Criteria

### Purpose

- To recognize outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to adults

### Examples of Service

- Providing service to a previously unserved area or population through technical services, outreach services, support services, facilities, or library education
- Providing access to information not previously available
- Service beyond own institution (i.e. impact or benefit to other libraries, benefit to local community, model for other libraries of similar size)
- Overcoming limitation of resources (staff, time, funds)
- Promotion of library services through exemplary performance and recognition by the public served
- Creative application of the use of technology in the delivery of library and information services
- Improving public understanding of library and information
- Creation of original work (regardless of the medium used) which contributes to the improvement of library and information services
- Promotion of library values

### Criteria for Recipient

- Currently employed in the library field in NH
- Nominee may be a librarian or library support staff

- Nominee may work in an academic, public, school media center, hospital, correctional, corporate or other special library or information center setting
- Individuals may only receive the award once
- Current READS Board members are not eligible

### **Number and Frequency of Award**

Only one award shall be presented annually. No award shall be given if applicants do not meet the award criteria.

### **Deadline for Nomination of Candidates**

The deadline for nomination shall be August 1st of the current year.

### **Presentation of the Award**

The READS Award Selection Committee shall review the candidates and select a winner prior to the READS annual Fall Program. Announcement shall be made at that program. The recipient shall receive a free NHLA/READS membership for the following year. If the recipient is already a member, READS will pay for a membership renewal.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Please submit one copy of the Nomination Form describing what this individual has done to meet the criteria for the award to the following address:

READS  
c/o Local Government Center  
PO Box 617  
Concord, NH 03302-0617

The completed Nomination Form must be postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be considered for the award.

For more information about the READS Award of Excellence, please visit  
<http://www.nhlibrarians.org/reads/award>

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