

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



NOMINATION GUIDELINES Nassau BOCES School Library System SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

In order to recognize the many outstanding contributions made by school library media specialists to the field of education in Nassau County, the **Nassau BOCES School Library System** is proud to establish the School Librarian of the Year Award. This award will be given annually to a New York State-certified library media specialist whose work, with and for students, serves as a model for his or her peers and an inspiration to those entering the profession.

Nominating Procedure

Nominations for this award will be solicited from among all staff members of NBSLS's participating schools, including educational administrators, classroom and special-area teachers, and other library media specialists. A nominee or a nominator shall not be a member of the selection committee. Each nominator or group of nominators is asked to submit a brief (500-word) essay, outlining the candidate's qualifications and highlighting significant accomplishments. All applications will be submitted to and reviewed by a Selection Committee, comprised of two NBSLS Council members and three non-Council liaisons, of whom one shall be designated Committee Chairperson. The decision of the Committee will be sent to the Council for approval and announced at the May NBSLS liaison meeting.

The first page of the nomination **MUST** include:

Nominee's Name
School District
School Name
Address
Telephone Number
Nominator's Name
Position
School District
School Name (if applicable)
Address
Telephone Number

All nominations must be sent via E-MAIL to:
bneist@mail.nasbores.org

Nominations Due: February 12, 2010
Committee Decision: March 19, 2010
Award Presentation: May 12, 2010

Criteria

In nominating a candidate, a variety of criteria may be taken into consideration. For example, the nominee may:

- Demonstrate an ability to incorporate literacy and research skills into subject-area curricula
- Promote the centrality of the school library in the educational mission of the building and district
- Take advantage of all available technologies to enhance instruction and provide students with a variety of formats for assessment
- Instill in her or his students a love of learning and an awareness of reading as the key to future academic success
- Take a leadership role in establishing the policies and practices that impact students' educational experiences
- Establish a strong rapport with grade-level or subject-area teachers to create collegial relationships that will result in higher achievement for students of all abilities
- Serve as a mentor to new school librarians, in order to renew the pool of influential professionals who will teach Nassau's future citizens.

Narrative

The nominator(s) may wish to address one or more of the following points:

1. How long have you known the nominee? When did you first recognize him/her as a valuable resource?
2. Please list a few ways in which the nominee has helped you and/or others and made the library experience a more positive one. For instance, how did the nominee inspire in your students a love of literature or assist you with a research project?
3. How does the nominee make the school library more educationally effective? How has the nominee improved the quality of your instruction?