

Outstanding Scholarly Contribution

Purpose:

This award recognizes exceptional research in librarianship, library science, and research into problems, challenges, and/or issues in libraries published by a Florida librarian or library staff member during the past two years. Research projects may include published books, book chapters, journal articles, white papers, bibliographies, or other significant contributions to library literature. Blog posts, master’s theses, and doctoral dissertations are not eligible. Submissions will be judged based on their contributions to the field of librarianship.

Eligibility:

This award is open to all librarians and library staff in Florida. Joint author proposals are acceptable, but all authors must be Florida Library Association members and will split the award. Both nominator(s) and nominee must be current members of the Florida Library Association.

Criteria:

All submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- Importance of the research question or problem
- Adequacy of the review of relevant literature
- Effectiveness of the methodology
- Articulation of conclusions resulting from the research
- Application of the findings to the field of librarianship
- Level of innovation in the topic and findings

Required Information: Submit a PDF of the research noted in the application. If the submission is a book, please include only PDFs of the relevant chapters for review (up to 4 chapters maximum).

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Importance of the research question or problem	Exceptional and clear description of the overarching thesis/research question or problem and its importance to/impact on librarianship.	Good and clear description of the overarching thesis/research question or problem and its importance to/impact on librarianship.	Acceptable and/or slightly unclear description of the overarching thesis/research question or problem and its importance to/impact on librarianship.	No discernable or clear description of the overarching thesis/research question or problem and its importance to/impact on librarianship.

Adequacy of the review of relevant literature	Exceptional, detailed, and appropriate examination of the relevant literature related to the overarching problem/thesis.	Good, some details, and appropriate examination of the relevant literature related to the overarching problem/thesis.	Acceptable and/or lacking details within the examination of the relevant literature related to the overarching problem/thesis.	No discernable or clear examination of the relevant literature related to the overarching problem/thesis.
Effectiveness of the methodology	Exceptional description and application of methodology. Clearly detailed method and/or appropriate choice of effective methodology.	Good description and application of methodology. Clear, some details about method and/or appropriate choice of effective methodology.	Acceptable description and application of methodology. Slightly unclear method, lack of details and/or inappropriate choice of effective methodology.	Poor or no description and application of methodology. Unclear method and/or inappropriate choice of effective methodology.
Articulation of conclusions resulting from the research	Exceptional description of data and relation to very clearly detailed/explained conclusions.	Good description of data and relation to clearly detailed/explained conclusions.	Acceptable description of data and loose or unclear relation to suggested conclusions.	Poor or no description of data and unclear relation to suggested conclusions.
Application of the findings to the field of librarianship	Exceptional explanation of application to field of librarianship based on outcomes and/or suggestions for the future.	Good explanation of application to field of librarianship based on outcomes and/or suggestions for the future.	Acceptable explanation of application to field of librarianship based on outcomes and/or suggestions for the future.	Poor or no explanation of application to field of librarianship based on outcomes and/or suggestions for the future.
Level of innovation in the topic and findings	Exceptional level of innovation in topic and/or conclusions of research project.	Good level of innovation in topic and/or conclusions of research project.	Acceptable level of innovation in topic and/or conclusions of research project.	Poor or no level of innovation in topic and/or conclusions of research project.