The Midwest Chapter/MLA Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award recognizes Chapter members at any career level who have provided outstanding service to Midwest Chapter/MLA. Recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions in measurable ways to Chapter achievement & effectiveness. The winner will receive a plaque. Previous winners of the award are:

- 2019 Edith Starbuck
- 2018 Clare Leibfarth
- 2017 Merle Rosenzweig
- 2016 (not awarded)
- 2015 (not awarded)
- 2014 Josephine Dorsch
- 2013 Bette Sydelko
- 2012 Donna Barbour-Talley
- 2011 Sheryl Stevens
- 2010 (not awarded)
- 2009 Mary Markland
- 2008 Logan Ludwig
- 2007 Margaret (Peggy) Richwine
- 2006 Carole Gilbert

The Distinguished Librarian Award is announced and presented at the Chapter’s Annual Business Meeting.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be:

- Members of the Midwest Chapter at the time of nomination and for at least 3 years prior
- Nominated by a Midwest Chapter member

Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be received by September 20, 2020 and must include:

- A completed nomination form
- A current resume or vitae of the nominee
- A letter of nomination stating why the nominee should be recognized and what specific accomplishments and achievements are pertinent
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is not employed at the nominee’s institution
### Selection Process

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee will select the winner based solely on evaluation of the nomination materials received. Criteria used to evaluate nominees on meaningful and measurable service to the Chapter may include but not necessarily be limited to: leadership, advocacy, scholarship, research, publications, presentations, teaching, training, mentoring, outreach, and professional activities.

The Committee reserves the right not to select a winner if no nominees meet the requirements or none are deemed qualified.

### For More Information

For additional information, please contact
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### Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in the Midwest Chapter/MLA!