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THE INNOVATION AWARD

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The purpose of the California School Library Association's Innovation Award is to recognize an exemplary and creative program developed by CSLA members who are credentialed for School Library Media Services and working at the site level with students and teachers. This program must clearly demonstrate the vital role school library media centers play in fostering learning. As outlined in INFORMATION POWER, a fundamental responsibility of the Teacher Librarian is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school. This award will spotlight those programs that will exemplify the best synthesis of the Teacher Librarian performing as a teacher, an information specialist, an instructional partner and a program administrator, and to develop a program that embodies the collaboration of teachers and the incorporation of curriculum and information skills.

The annual award is in the amount of \$1,000, which will be granted to a library, rather than to an individual person, for the purchase of library materials and/or equipment. The recipient of the annual award will be announced at the annual CSLA Conference.

This award is sponsored by Highsmith, Inc., which markets supplies, equipment, and furniture for libraries. The award was first given in 1997.

The selection of a winner rests solely with the CSLA Innovation Award Committee, which is convened by the Immediate Past President, and is composed of a committee chair and four members, two each appointed by the presidents of the Northern and Southern Sections. The final selection may be validated by a visit from at least one member of the committee.

The library selected must be within the state of California. However, the committee does not consider geographic location within California as a factor in the selection of the winning library.

Nominations for exemplary and creative programs may be made by library peers,

administrators, teachers, or by personnel of the libraries nominated. CSLA is vitally interested in recognizing an individual library media program which directly and positively affects the learning of students and incorporates the cooperation of teachers.

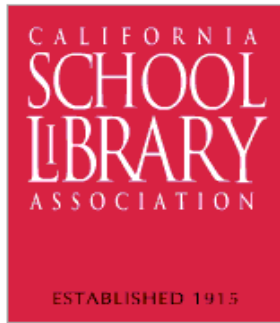
Nominations shall be made on the official "Nomination Form, CSLA Innovation Award" and shall become the property of CSLA. The nomination form shall be postmarked on or before **April 30** of the year of the nomination, and sent to:

Highsmith Innovation Award Committee
California School Library Association
1001 26th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

CONDITIONS OF AWARD ACCEPTANCE

Representative of the winning library media center agrees to the following conditions:

1. Representative will confirm in writing to CSLA Innovation Award Committee that he/she will attend the CSLA conference to accept the plaque and check for \$1,000.
2. Representative will provide confirmation in writing from his/her employer that he/she has approval to accept this financial award and can meet the requirements of the conference attendance.
3. Representative will agree to participate in certain conference-related functions that are requested in advance by the CSLA Innovation Award Committee.
4. If the representative is unable to complete the terms of this award, he or she must notify the CSLA Innovation Award Committee and return any funds received under the award.
5. Representative will submit to the Highsmith Innovation Award Committee a budget sheet detailing how the award was spent by May 1 of the year following the award at the CSLA State Conference.



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Nomination Statement Requirements

Please attach a statement including the following information. Statements should be limited to no more than three pages, double-spaced. The statement must include description and evidence of the following:

Focus on A & B

A. Outline the creative or innovative program, its development and implementation. Supporting documents may be attached (e.g. handouts, brochures . . .).

B. Describe the innovative program's contribution(s) to the students and staff of the school.

Include brief descriptions of C, D, E, and F:

C. Provide basic information about the school and the district, as a whole, especially any economic, environmental, or cultural factors that are important.

D. Describe the ease of replication of the creative/innovative program in other libraries of the same type and level.

E. Describe minimal funds required for program execution in your library and by others.

F. Describe current commitments and future plans for ongoing support of the library. Include 3 or 4 photographs documenting student and Teacher Librarian involvement. Photographs may be prints (color or black and white) or digital. Digital photos must be high resolution (at least 300 dpi) and submitted on disk with the application.

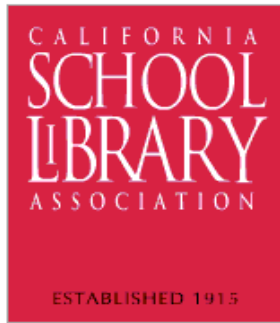
DEADLINE: All materials must be submitted as a single packet and must be postmarked no later than **April 30**.

Please mail nomination form, narrative information and any ancillary materials to:

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All materials become the property of the California School Library Association. The recipient will also be expected to attend the CSLA State Conference to receive the award and to participate in any presentations sharing information about the project at State and/or regional conferences. By May 1, following the receipt of the award, the Teacher Librarian must submit a budget to the chair of the Highsmith Innovation Award Committee Chair detailing the expenditure of the funds. Following notification of award, recipient will submit a high-resolution digital photograph to the Past President for inclusion in the conference program and on the CSLA website. Questions may be directed to the Highsmith Innovation Award Committee Chair or to the CSLA Office (916) 447-2684 or (csla@pacbell.net)

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The Innovation Award Application Cover Sheet

Note: This form must be included with the nomination statement. Nominations must be postmarked on or before **April 30**.

Date submitted _____

Name of library _____

Name & title of credentialed school Teacher Librarian _____

School/Department _____

School Address _____

District _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Name of school principal _____

Nomination submitted by _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

I understand that should I receive the honor of this award that I will attend the CSLA State Conference to receive it. I also understand that I will be expected to participate in presentations detailing the project submitted here and will submit a budget showing how the money was spent by May 1 following my receipt of the award.

Following notification of this award, I will provide the Past President with a high-resolution digital picture for inclusion in the Conference program and on the CSLA website.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

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