

# NHLTA

## Awards Criteria

### All Nominees

- ◆ Must be presently connected with New Hampshire public library service.
- ◆ Must be an active advocate for promoting the public library as the community's most important resource.
- ◆ Must be endorsed by the full Board of Trustees of the library making the nomination, except in the case of the Lillian Edelman Trustee of the Year.

### Library of the Year

- ◆ Has demonstrated expansion and improvement of services and technology.
- ◆ Has enhanced services to a previously under-served part of the community.
- ◆ Has developed partnerships with other libraries and/or community organizations.
- ◆ Has proven value to the community measured by relationships with and support from town officials and members of the community.
- ◆ Maintains membership in NHLTA.

### Lillian Edelman Trustee of the Year

- ◆ Has served a minimum of three years on the board.
- ◆ Embodies the characteristics of a library trustee as outlined in the NHLTA manual.
- ◆ Maintains membership in NHLTA.

### Library Director of the Year

- ◆ Exhibits professionalism, leadership and outstanding performance and has made notable contributions toward fulfilling the mission and goals of the library.
- ◆ Has been a library director for at least three years.
- ◆ Demonstrates initiative in developing programs and services to meet community needs and enhance the quality of life.
- ◆ Demonstrates effective management and development skills with staff and volunteers.

### Special Library Service Contribution Award

- ◆ Presented to an individual or group, other than staff or board members, who have given outstanding service to New Hampshire public libraries for at least three years. This contribution may have been in such areas as fund raising, volunteering services, organizing programs or spearheading a building expansion.

### Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support By a "Friends Of The Library" Group

- ◆ This award is being offered to recognize the tremendous value of Friends of the Library.

### Dorothy M. Little Award

- ◆ Has demonstrated sustained, extraordinary public library advocacy and activism on a local, regional and state level. May be involved in library service in any capacity.

