

announcements

Seeking Nominations for the 2008 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award

Each year the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award Committee honors one law librarian for his or her service to the community. Please help us recognize law librarians by nominating a worthy individual who has made a meaningful contribution to a social or charitable cause or concern.

The committee believes that law librarians who contribute to society through volunteer work or by somehow serving their communities not only benefit the recipients of their hard work, but also the profession as a whole through their examples of service.

Past recipients of the award have been:

- **Wes Daniels**, for establishing a resource center for legal work on behalf of the homeless
- **Jesse L. Matthews**, for developing the Patient Learning Resource Center at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia
- **deanna harragarra waters**, for her work with the Native American Rights Fund libraries
- **Frank Liu**, for his work with U.S.-Chinese academic exchange programs and in the Chinese American community
- **Mickie Voges**, for her work with the ExTEND program at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
- **David Gunn**, for his work with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Austin, Texas, Unit
- **Marvin Anderson**, for his work with the "Everybody Wins" reading program at the Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School in St. Paul, Minnesota
- **SCALL Inner City Youth Program Committee**, for its work offering inner-city youth the chance to learn new skills and meet new challenges by training, mentoring, and hiring them to intern in law libraries and law firms
- **Catherine Lemann**, for her work with AIDS Law of Louisiana
- **Frosty Owen**, for his work with public school libraries
- **Joan Howland**, for her work with Native American law students and for her work with ALA and AALL in support of creating opportunities for minorities in libraries
- **Kimberli Morris** for her work with law schools in Iraq as they strive to rebuild their legal education system
- **Kristin A. Cheney** for her work in Seattle establishing and operating Seniors With Pets Assistance
- **CALL Community Service Committee** for outstanding accomplishments in keeping its membership active in a wide variety of local and national charities
- **Suzanne M. Morrison**, for her several service trips under the auspices of the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative to work with law libraries and law schools in troubled parts of the world.

The award, established by **Roy Mersky**, Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and **Richard Leiter**, Schmid Law Library at the University of Nebraska, was created in order to give special recognition to individual law librarians who might not otherwise be recognized by their peers for their important work. The award was established in lieu of accepting royalties from their book, published in 1991 by the Fred B. Rothman Company (now a division of the Wm. S. Hein and Co. Inc.), *The Spirit of Law Librarianship*. The second edition was published in the spring of 2004 by Alert Publications Inc. The award is presented to the recipient at a reception during the AALL Annual Meeting.

An award will be given only when an outstanding individual is nominated. In its 16-year history, there has only been one year when an award has not been given because a worthy nominee was not brought to the committee's attention. The committee encourages nominations from anyone with information regarding individuals who might fit the profile of an award recipient. Please help us to recognize the people who represent a special dimension of the Spirit of Law Librarianship.

The deadline for nominations is June 1. To make a nomination, please contact: Professor Roy Mersky, Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas, 727 E. Dean Keeton Street, Austin, TX 78705; 512/471-7735; fax: 512/471-8398; rmersky@mail.law.utexas.edu; or Professor Richard Leiter, Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, NE 68583-0902; 402/472-5737; fax: 402/472-8260.