

# ELSA

## Excellence in Library Service Award

**Purpose:** The ELSA is designed to recognize dedication to public service demonstrated by any staff member of a public, school, special or academic library. We welcome nominations submitted by any employee of a Suffolk County library or any Suffolk County library patron.

**Eligibility:** Pages, clerks, librarians and trainees, as well as office, custodial and security staff from any Suffolk County library are eligible.

**To Qualify:** The nominee must work at least 17.5 hours per week, and have worked a minimum of one year in his/her current position. People who have been nominated in the past may be nominated again.

**Criteria:** Outstanding public service may be demonstrated by fostering team spirit, exemplary job performance, promoting good will among patrons and staff, or an innovative approach to one's work.

**Nominations must be submitted by  
June 30, 2009**

### **How to nominate:**

- Complete nomination form.
- Write a nomination of between 250 and 500 words explaining the impact the nominee has had on his/her library. (In order to insure impartiality, please refer to the nominee as "nominee" and their library as "library.")
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from co-workers and/or patrons.
- Include specific examples in these letters. The examples are very helpful to the selection process.
- Send to:

**ELSA Committee** c/o Jennifer Fowler  
West Islip Public Library  
3 Higbie Lane, West Islip, NY 11795  
scla@suffolk.lib.ny.us

The ELSA winner and nominees for 2009 will be honored at the **Suffolk County Library Association's Annual Fall Dinner**

The winner will receive:

- a framed certificate
- a \$250 AMEX Gift Certificate
- the recipient's name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque displayed at the Winner's Library.

ELSA nominees will receive certificates of appreciation and will be recognized, along with the ELSA winner, by having their names listed in the SCLA Handbook & Membership Directory, the SCLA newsletter, and on the SCLA website.

## **2009 Nomination Form** (Also available at <http://scla.net>) *(Please print)*

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries must be submitted by June 30, 2009 and be accompanied by:**

- **A written nomination of between 250-500 words**
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation from coworkers/patrons**

Name and address of person submitting the nomination:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title (if a library staff member only) \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_



**Jennifer Fowler, Co-Chair**  
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**Joanne Genovese, Co-Chair**  
Smithtown Library  
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**Camille Iuliucci**  
Harborfields Public Library

**Carolyn Agenjo**  
West Islip Public Library

**Michael Aloï**  
Dowling College

**Theresa Arroyo**  
Hauppauge Public Library

**Robert Cognato**  
Deer Park Public Library

**Min Liu**  
Long Island Library Resources Council

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



## Excellence in Library Service Award

The Suffolk County Library Association and its Executive Members proudly present the *Excellence in Library Service Award (ELSA)*

Your association recognizes and appreciates our most valued resource. . . people.

We value the service, pride and creative talents that people at all levels of our membership share during their workday with fellow staff and patrons. This includes clerical staff, pages, maintenance, security and librarians working toward a common goal: connecting people with the information and services they need. SCLA promotes county-wide professionalism in library service, and we invite you to participate in this award process by nominating one of your outstanding colleagues for this honor. Library patrons are encouraged as well to nominate a library staff member who embodies these qualities.

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