

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, 2011**

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 2011 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.

2011 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, 2011 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 _____

Job Title (if a library staff member only) _____

Library _____ E-mail _____

Relationship to nominee _____

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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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 librarians, clerical staff, pages,
maintenance and security 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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