



2023 Frances LaDuca Outstanding Achievement Award Information

This award is presented in memory of Frances LaDuca. Frances was a founding member of the Suffolk School Library Media Association. She was a past president of the organization. She was an active member of the executive board throughout her career & into retirement.

She was dedicated to the library profession & promoting intellectual freedom.

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This award recognizes the positive impact on student learning by a school librarian over time and highlights their significant contribution to the school library profession through advocacy and/or leadership.

Submit application on or before the deadline: March 31, 2023

- Nominations **must** be from a current member of SSLMA who renewed or joined prior to December 1, 2022
 - Self-nominations will not be accepted.
 - Please be certain to provide a complete and thorough application before submitting.
- Nominee must be a certified school librarian and a member of SSLMA who renewed or joined prior to December 1, 2022
- Winner must submit a short writeup for SSLMA membership.
- Winner **must** attend the awards ceremony, date TBD.
- The winner is expected to actively promote and participate in SSLMA through sharing at a workshop, joining the Executive Board, or volunteering on a committee or planning group.
- A notification letter will be sent to their district administrator.
- Winner will be featured on our website <http://sslmagroup.wixsite.com/sslma> and in the NYLA-SSL Regional Report.

The nomination should include:

- Information on nominee's membership in national, state and local school library organizations.
- Any teaching at the graduate level, presentations, and/or published articles.
- Advocacy for academic and intellectual freedom, school libraries and/or their school library programs.
- Supervision of any student teachers, curriculum work etc.

These points can be included in a narrative of the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Click this link to access the nomination form: <https://forms.gle/8fXD6JWAXUmm4TE46>