



## XV. Awards

### Books

#### Maine:

##### **Chickadee Award**

The Chickadee Award is a picture book award program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. This award is given annually to one of ten picture books nominated by a committee of teachers, librarians, and early literacy professionals. Each year the books are chosen from those published in the previous year and are selected because they present a solid, original story and artwork that supports and extends the text.

<http://www.chickadeeaward.org>

##### **Katahdin Award**

The Katahdin Award, chosen by the Lupine Committee, is a lifetime achievement award given by the Youth Services Section Interest Group of the Maine Library Association to recognize an outstanding body of work of children's literature in Maine by one author or illustrator. The award may be given annually but may not necessarily be given each year.

[http://mainelibraries.org/aw\\_katahdin.php?mi=7&page\\_mi=5](http://mainelibraries.org/aw_katahdin.php?mi=7&page_mi=5)

##### **Lupine Award**

The Lupine Award is presented annually by the Youth Services Section Interest Group of the Maine Library Association, to recognize an outstanding contribution to children's literature of Maine. This award is granted to encourage the reading, writing and appreciation of children's books, and to foster pride in the state of Maine.

[http://mainelibraries.org/aw\\_lupine.php?mi=7&page\\_mi=4](http://mainelibraries.org/aw_lupine.php?mi=7&page_mi=4)

##### **Maine State Book Award**

The Maine Student Book Award (MSBA) is given annually to the book selected by Maine students in grades four through eight as their favorite book of the year.

<http://www.windham.lib.me.us/msba.htm>

#### **American Library Association (ALA) Awards:**

**Batchelder Award** is offered to an outstanding children's book published in a foreign language and translated into English.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/batchelderaward/batchelderaward.cfm>

**Caldecott Medal** is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.cfm>



**Coretta Scott King Book Award** is given to African American authors and illustrators for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions. The Coretta Scott King Book Award titles promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookaward/corettascott.cfm>

**Newbery Medal** is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/newberymedal/newberymedal.cfm>

### **Young Adults:**

**Alex Awards** are given by Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/alexawards/alexawards.cfm>

**Michael L. Printz Award** is given to a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/printzaward/Printz.cfm>

### **Other ALA/YALSA**

#### **Children's Notable Lists**

Each year the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best of the best in children's books, recordings, videos, and computer software.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/>

#### **Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults**

This list encourages young adults to read for pleasure by presenting them with popular or topical books with teen appeal.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/popularpaperback/popularpaperbacks.cfm>

### **Other National Awards:**

**AwardWeb** is a web resource for adult genre awards that may be of high interest to some young adult readers includes for science fiction and fantasy titles.

<http://www.dpsinfo.com/awardweb/>

**National Book Award for Young People's Literature** is given to children's or young adult literature by the US publishing and bookselling industry.

<http://www.bookweb.org/btw/awards/National-Bk-Award.html>



**Professional:**

**Walter J. Taranko School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award**

The WJT Award is intended to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to the library media profession on the local and/or state levels.

Award consists of a personal Library Media Specialist of the Year Award plaque, a cash donation to the recipient's school library media program, made in the name of the recipient and inclusion of the recipient's name on the WJT School Library Media Specialist plaque at the Maine State Library.

Awarded annually at both the recipient's school/district and at a MASL conference or event.

Nomination may come from:

- MASL members and/or
- teachers and administrators
- Maine Department of Education or Maine State Library staff.

Nomination forms and additional details are found at the MASL website [maslibraries.org](http://maslibraries.org).

Send the completed nomination form and supporting documents to:

MASL  
PO Box 634  
Augusta, ME 04332-0634

Deadline for the nominations: February 15 each year.

The nominations are reviewed by a committee of MASL members and the winner is selected by the MASL Executive Board. The award is made by MASL's President at the fall conference. A subsequent presentation is made by the MASL President in the winner's school, with the teachers, principal and superintendent present.

Any who has been a MASL member for 3 years and who is working in any capacity in the library media profession in Maine is eligible to be nominated for the award. The award is intended to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to the library media profession on the local and/or state levels. Although the award is presented annually and the major emphasis is for contributions made during the previous school year, earlier and continuing activities should be included in the recommendations and will be considered as part of the nomination.

Questions:

[maslibraries@gmail.com](mailto:maslibraries@gmail.com)



### **Administrator of the Year Award**

The MASL School Administrator Award seeks to honor administrators who, through individual leadership and sustained effort, have made worthy contributions to the operations of effective school library media services within the educational program. The award is also intended to recognize the responsible and influential role of the school administrator in developing successful school library media programs, and to stimulate planning, implementation and support of school library media services.

**Award:** Library Media Service Award for Administrators plaque, a cash donation to the recipients' school district library media program, made in the name of the recipient.

Nomination must be made by a current MASL member.

Nomination forms and additional details are available at the MASL website [maslibraries.org](http://maslibraries.org)

Send the completed form to:

**MASL Administrator Award**  
**MASL Office**  
**PO Box 634**  
**Augusta, ME 04332-0634**

Deadline for the nominations: February 15 each year.

The award is presented annually at both the recipient's school/district and at an appropriate MASL conference or event.

Any school administrator currently employed in the state of Maine is eligible for nomination for this award. The award is intended to honor administrators who, through individual leadership and sustained effort, have made worthy contributions to the operations of effective school library media services within the educational program. The award is also intended to recognize the responsible and influential role of the school administrator in developing successful school library media programs, and to stimulate planning, implementing and support of school library media services.

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## MASL Library Support Staff Award

The MASL Library Support Staff Award is intended to honor library support staff who have made a significant contribution to their local school library media program and/or have demonstrated commitment to those effort at the state level.

Anyone who has been a MASL member for 3 years and is working in any support capacity in the school library media profession in Maine is eligible to be nominated for the award.

The Award includes an engraved plaque for the recipient and a cash donation to the recipients' school library media program, made in the name of the recipient.

The Award is awarded annually and presented at both the recipient's school/district and at an appropriate MASL conference or event.

Nomination may come from:

1. MASL members and/or
2. Teacher and administrators
3. Maine Department of Education or Maine State Library staff.

Nomination forms are available on the MASL website [maslibraries.org](http://maslibraries.org).

Send the completed nomination form to:

**Support Staff Award**  
**MASL Office**  
**PO Box 634**  
**Augusta, ME 04332-0634**

Deadline for nominations: February 15

Questions:

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