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2017–2018 ILA Chapter Award Winners

COUNCIL AWARDS

Advocacy Award

Presented to those state and provincial councils that demonstrate how they are working to affect educational policy and legislation through effective advocacy at the local, state/provincial, and/or national levels.

Award of Excellence

Presented to those state and provincial councils that have distinguished themselves through organizing and implementing a wide range of programs and activities that, in their respective state or province, (1) serve and support councils, (2) contribute to education, and (3) coincide with and support the programs and goals of ILA. Award of Excellence winners are listed in alphabetical order by state or province.

Achievement Awards

These awards showcase the efforts of State/Provincial Councils in the fight to eliminate illiteracy in our world. One award will be given in each of the following three categories:

- **Teacher Empowerment (Professional Development)**
This award embodies the work councils do to promote professional development and growth opportunities for educators within their state.
- **Community Engagement (Sponsorships, Community Service & International Projects)**
This award showcases the relationships built within the State/Province with local businesses, schools, and/or other nonprofit agencies to promote their literacy initiatives in their communities.
- **Public Awareness (Advocacy)**
This award signifies the State/Provincial Councils ability to effectively educate the general public and policy makers within the State/Province as well as bring attention to larger literacy issues
- **ILA Distinguished Council Award**
This award is presented to the state/provincial council that demonstrates outstanding achievement in all three categories of the ILA Achievement Awards.

Exemplary Reading Program Award

Presented to those elementary, middle and high schools in the United States and Canada that demonstrate outstanding reading and language arts programs. Its purpose is to call the public's attention to outstanding programs in schools throughout Canada and the United States. Each participating state and province can choose one winning school a year.

Honor Council

Recognizes local, student and special interest councils that organize and conduct well-rounded programs serving both the council and the community.

*The number designates the total number of years Honor Council status has been achieved.

Local Council Community Service Award

Presented to local councils for outstanding service to the community and literacy. National affiliates are eligible in countries without local councils. Many unique ideas have been realized through such community projects.

HONOR COUNCIL

Alabama

Bessemer Reading Council – Year 1
Northwest Alabama Reading Council – Year 15
Tennessee Valley Reading Council – Year 19

Alaska

Cook Inlet Council – Year 22

Arizona

Greater Paradise Valley Reading Council - Year 20
Central Arizona Reading Association – Year 26
Tucson Area Council – Year 35

Arkansas

Crowley’s Ridge Reading Council – Year 6
Arkansas River Valley Reading Council – Year 8
Arkadelphia Area Reading Council – Year 17
Jefferson County Council – Year 23
Northwest Arkansas Council – Year 24
SEARK Reading Council – Year 24
Grant County Reading Council – Year 25
Three Rivers Reading Council – Year 25
North Central Arkansas Reading Council – Year 33

California

Gateway Reading Council – Year 24
Alameda County Reading Association – Year 34
Sacramento Area Reading Association- Year 35
Greater San Diego Reading Association - Year 36

Connecticut

Greater Hartford Area Council – Year 19

Delaware

IRA Student Literacy Council of the University of Delaware – Year 7

Florida

Duval County Reading Council – Year 29
Hillsborough County Literacy Association – Year 29

Guam

Guam Council - Year 21

Illinois

Prairie Area Reading Council - Year 8
West Suburban Reading Council – Year 8
Two Rivers Council – Year 13
Chicago Area Reading Association– Year 22

Iowa

Eastern Iowa Reading Council – Year 20
Hardy Reading Council – Year 34

Kentucky

Pennyrile Reading Council – Year 7
Murray, Kentucky Area Council– Year 8
Blue Grass Area Council – Year 11
Greater Louisville Council – Year 13
Jesse Stuart Council – Year 19
Western Kentucky Reading Council – Year 31

Louisiana

Calcasieu Parish Reading Council – Year 3
Washington Parish Reading Council – Year 21
North Louisiana Reading Council – Year 24

Manitoba

Pembina Escarpment Reading Council – Year 2
Manitoba Council of Reading Clinicians – Year 8
Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg – Year 32

Maryland

Eastern Shore Reading Council – Year 29
Frederick County Reading Council – Year 29
Howard County Council – Year 30
Anne Arundel County Reading Council – Year 32

Massachusetts

Berkshire Reading Council – Year 14
Cape Cod Council – Year 23
Southeast Regional Reading Council – Year 29
Central Massachusetts Reading Council – Year 31
Nobscot Reading Council – Year 34
Greater Boston Council – Year 36

Minnesota

Minnesota Academy of Reading Special Interest Council – Year 2
Southwest Minnesota Reading Council – Year 20
Arrowhead Reading Council – Year 35

New Jersey

West Jersey Reading Council – Year 35

New York

Niagara Frontier Reading Council – Year 14
Nassau Reading Council – Year 30
Brooklyn Reading Council – Year 35
Central New York Council – Year 35

North Carolina

Moore County Council – Year 30

North Dakota

Prairie Reading Council – Year 3
Chautauqua Reading Council – Year 7
North Central Reading Council – Year 29
South Central North Dakota Reading Council – Year 30

Ohio

Euclid Council – Year 33

Oregon

Umpqua Reading Council – Year 13
Emerald Empire Council – Year 18
Portland Council of the International Reading Association – Year 32
Mid-Valley Council – Year 34

Pennsylvania

Capital Council – Year 3
Chester County Reading Association – Year 25
Tri-County Reading Council – Year 27
Colonial Association of Reading Educators Council – Year 31
Delaware Valley Reading Association – Year 34

South Carolina

Laurens County Reading Council – Year 15
Foothills Council – Year 22
Berkeley Reading Council – Year 25
Palmetto Council – Year 32

Virginia

New River Valley Reading Council – Year 23
Shenandoah Valley Reading Council – Year 29
Chesapeake Reading Council – Year 32
Greater Washington Reading Council – Year 33
Virginia Beach Reading Council – Year 35
Newport News Reading Council – Year 36
Richmond Area Reading Council – Year 36

Washington

Lake Washington Council – Year 27

West Virginia

Nicholas County Reading Council – Year 6
Webster County Highlander Reading Council – Year 18
Marshall County Reading Council – Year 20
Mason County Council – Year 25
Cabell County Council – Year 34
Marion County Reading Council – Year 35

Wisconsin

Headwaters Reading Council – Year 22

LOCAL COUNCIL SERVICE AWARD

First Place

Sevier County Reading Association
Randall Kincaid, President

ADVOCACY AWARD

Illinois Reading Council
Janel Sebeny, President

Michigan Reading Association
Elizabeth Gates, President

Keystone State Reading Association
Anna Landers, President

Texas Association for Literacy Education
Laurie Sharp, President

Louisiana Reading Association
Rita Mulina, President

Barrett Ranch Elementary School- Antelope, CA

EXEMPLARY READING PROGRAM AWARD

Palmer Elementary School- Chicago, IL

Fairforest Elementary School- Spartanburg, SC

Schuylkill Valley Elementary School - Leesport, PA

Alabama Reading Association-29 years
Felicia Chambers, President

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Arizona Reading Association-33 years
Robert Wortman, President

Kentucky Reading Association-18 years
Angela Ballinger, President

Arkansas Reading Association-31 years
Kaila Murphy, President

Keystone State Reading Association-30 years
Anna Landers, President

Georgia Reading Association – 26 years
Ronald Reigner, President

Louisiana Reading Association-26 years
Rita Mulina, President

Illinois Reading Council-26 years
Janel Sebeny, President

Manitoba Reading Association-25 years
Susan Hayward, President

Iowa Reading Association-27 years
Stephanie Laird, President

Massachusetts Reading Association-32 years
Marlene Correia, President

Michigan Reading Association-30 years
Elizabeth Gates, President

Nebraska Reading Association-30 years
Karen Heafer, President

New York State Reading Association-30 years
Carol Hacker, President

North Dakota Reading Association-26 Years
Melessa Bosch, President

Oregon Reading Association-31 years

Nanci Strickland, President
South Carolina State Council-33 years
Dale Anthony, President

Tennessee Reading Association – 23 Years
Mary Truka, President

West Virginia Reading Association-18 years
Ronald Chadwell, President

Wisconsin State Reading Association-24 years
Gale Gerharz, President

ILA DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARD

Illinois Reading Council
Janel Sebeny, President