



Shortgrass Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service

The “Shorty Awards”

The Shortgrass Library Board wishes to recognize innovation and excellence in library service in the Region. The Shorty Awards encourage nomination of member libraries that have implemented or participated in programs and services that benefit their community or service area. Programs demonstrating Service excellence, Community Benefit, Future Focus and Innovation will be given preference.

Nomination Categories include:

- Innovation: Best NEW library program
- Community Outreach
- Advocacy
- Innovative use of Technology
- Public Relations
- Partnerships

Procedures

1. The Shorty Awards Committee will assess each nomination based on the criteria outlined in this document and will choose one or more recipients per year.
2. A call for nominations will be sent out in November for awards presented at the upcoming Shortgrass Christmas Dinner & Social.
3. Nominations must be submitted by noon on October 15th each year the awards are given out.
4. Winners will be announced at the Shortgrass Christmas Dinner & Social.
5. The winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award (amount determined by number of winners).
6. Photos of the winners will be taken at the ceremony and a press release will be sent out the following week.

7. Each winning library will be asked to write a short article about their winning initiative for the Shortgrass Clippings newsletter, including photos if possible.

Rules

1. Each member library is limited to two nominations per year.
2. Nominations must be received by **noon October 15th** to be considered for that year's award.
3. Nominations may be made by member library staff or board members, or System staff or board members.
4. Nominations should be no more than **two typed pages** in length.
5. Pictures and/or video submissions supporting the nomination are encouraged.
6. While measures and statistics may be used to prove the value of a particular project, awards will not be granted solely on those criteria.
7. Member libraries cannot win for a project previously awarded.

Forward nominations by email or through inter office deliveries:

Shorty Awards Committee

c/o Petra Mauerhoff
Shortgrass Library System
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All nominations received by the deadline will be acknowledged by email. If you do NOT receive an email acknowledgement, please be sure to contact the above to confirm receipt of your nomination.