**Nomination Deadline: Friday January 8, 2016**

Do you know someone at a small or rural library who is a leader in our profession? How about someone who goes the extra mile when working with children and teens? Do you have Trustee or Friend who goes above and beyond the call of duty to promote and advance your library? Do you know a small or rural library that truly excels (and that library could be you!) We want to hear from you!

It’s time again to nominate libraries, directors, librarians, employees, trustees, and friends of rural libraries for a Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference Awards.

**Outstanding Small/Rural Librarian Award:** Recognizes a librarian who is an outstanding leader in the profession. The Librarian of the Conference has made a significant contribution to his/her library and has invested him/herself in efforts to bring about positive change in the small/rural library community. This award goes to an individual currently employed in a Michigan library.

**Trustee/Friend Award:** Given to a Trustee or Friend of a small or rural library for distinguished service to rural library development on the local, state, regional or national level.

**Patron Services Award:** Recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library who has made significant contributions to and a positive impact on library service to patrons through outstanding program(s) or services.

The June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service: an award now named for the legacy of our dearly departed and very much missed colleague June Mendel. The award comes with a $1000 gift from the June B. and Roger Mendel Fund. The Mendels chose to create this award to recognize the great work done by our librarians, staff and boards of rural libraries. Says Roger Mendel, *“For me the Rural Conference has been a special place, as the first rural conference was put on by the Northland Library Cooperative when I was Director in the mid 1980's, and so it is fitting for us to honor the work done by rural libraries. June and I have also sponsored for a number of years the State Librarian's Award of Excellence which is presented each year at the MLA Annual conference.”*

The 2016 Loleta Fyan Small/Rural Libraries Conference, brought to you by the Library of Michigan, will be held from May 4-6, 2016 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Please note that Library Cooperative staff and conference planning committee chairs are not eligible for conference awards. To qualify for the award the library must serve a population of 25,000 or less. Branch locations of larger libraries do not qualify for nomination. The nomination may come from another library, a library user, a community business or organization, a library cooperative or a library may self-nominate for the June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service.

**Name of Nominee:**

**Postion/Title:**

**Library Address:**

**Phone:**

**Please Prepare a Nomination Packet for This Individual By Completing Steps 1-4**

1. **Indicated the award for which you are nominating this individual/library**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_** Outstanding Small/Rural Librarian Award

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Trustee/Friend Award

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Youth/Children Award

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ The June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service

1. **In a letter of nomination (maximum of two pages), tell the award committee:**
* Reason for recommending this nominee
* The individual’s work history or library’s accomplishments as they relate to the award category
* Nominee’s outstanding activities, abilities, programs and/or achievements
1. **Collect letters of support from library users, municipal government, businesses and organizations (three minimum to five maximum) and other documentation as appropriate.**
2. **Submit one original and six copies of the nomination packet (7 total) to:**

Sonya Schryer Norris

Library of Michigan

702 W. Kalamazoo St.

Lansing, MI 48909

**Or digitally in PDF to:**

*Packet checklist:*

*-Nomination form*

*-Letter of nomination*

*-Letters of support*

*-Other supporting documentation*

 **norriss2@michigan.gov**

Nomination submitted by:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Date: